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A. H. Coffroth

Bedford and Somerset Counties.

HON. ALEXANDER HAMILTON COFFROTH.

Alexander H. Coffroth, for many years a leading figure in his profession and in the public life of the commonwealth during the dramatic period leading up to and culminating in the Civil war, was intensely active and broadly useful during his entire career. His abilities would undoubtedly have commanded his entrance upon highest places had not his inflexible devotion to principle held him to a political party which was constantly in the minority.

General Coffroth was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Somerset, May 18, 1828. He was the youngest son of John and Mary (Besore) Coffroth, the father born in Hagerstown, Maryland, of German descent, and the mother born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, of English ancestry. These parents removed in 1808 from Greencastle to Somerset, where the father was among the early settlers, and the first to set up a store, bringing his merchandise from the east on pack-horses. Mr. Coffroth was a man of excellent character, and his wife was a model of womanhood, whose kindliness of disposition, purity of conduct and energy of character were reflected in the son.

Young Coffroth made of himself a fine exemplification of the truly self-made man in the best sense of that oft-abused term. Early thrown upon his own resources, he entered upon and waged the battle of life in such masterly fashion as to not only provide himself an ample equipment for the large duties which were to devolve upon him, but to also develop to their fullest his fine natural gifts of soul and intellect. He attended the common schools, and out of the fruits of his own labors defrayed the expenses of a more liberal education in the old Somerset Academy. For a time he served efficiently as a school teacher, and with the means thus earned supported himself while preparing for his chosen profession, the law. It was his great good fortune to attract the interest and friendship of the distinguished Jeremiah S. Black, in whose office and under whose preceptorship he read industriously for some years, meantime and for five years, beginning at the age of eighteen, serving as editor of the *Somerset Visitor,* a Democratic journal of no inconsiderable circulation and influence.

Even at this youthful age the virile energy of his pen gave high promise for the future. Admitted to the bar of Somerset county in February, 1851, he at once entered upon a practice which rapidly expanded and shortly brought him to the front rank of his profession and into recognition throughout the state for ability, astuteness, resourcefulness and real devotion to the law out of respect for its own majesty. A tireless worker, by following a rigid system of self-control he labored throughout his professional career cheerfully and with unruffled temper. His practice, covering a period of more than a half century, was marked by scores of hotly contested cases, yet in all he was known as one of the best-hearted of men, always urbane and kindly dispositioned. During all these many years there was scarcely a case of importance in his judicial district in which he did not bear a leading part. A *cause celebre* which will ever be famous in the legal annals of Pennsylvania was the trial of the Nicely brothers, charged with the murder of Herman Umberger, and in which he was chief counsel for the defense. Enduring evidence of his high legal abilities exists in various volumes of the reports of the supreme court of Pennsylvania and the courts of the United States. His high place in the respect and confidence of his colleagues of the local bar is attested by his election to the presidency of the Somerset Bar Association at its organization, and his undisputed continuance in that position up to his death—this, too, by a bar which has ever been ornamented by some of the brightest lawyers and jurists in the entire commonwealth.

General Coffroth's political career was one of rare interest, and is in itself an epitomization of the beginning, duration and end of that gigantic struggle which began with the free-soil controversy, found its fruits in civil war, and the consummation in a more perfect union of all the states than ever before, and the marshaling of all their people under a restored banner in devotion to a common purpose and self-consecration to a higher national mission. He early developed such splendid powers as a public speaker and such magnetic personality as a leader that in 1849, at the age of twenty-one, he was a member of the Democratic state convention in Pennsylvania. He was a member of the fateful and dramatic National Democratic Convention of 1860, in Charleston, South Carolina, which witnessed the disruption of the party and made possible the election of Abraham Lincoln. In this body he made an earnest stand against the secession element of the party and pronounced for the Union, under any contingency whatever, with impassioned vehemence pleading for the nomination of "the little giant," Stephen A. Douglas, as a leader who could alone avert the horrors of civil war. He also sat in the convention in Baltimore, in 1872, which nominated Horace Greeley for the presidency, and was president of the Democratic state convention in Harrisburg in 1879. In 1884 he was a delegate in the convention in Chicago which nominated Grover Cleveland for president. He was frequently a member of the Democratic state committee, and in 1896 and 1900 was a presidential elector-at-large. He was a great admirer of William J. Bryan, and during the campaigns in which that distinguished young statesman was a presidential candidate made many speeches in his behalf.

It is, however, General Coffroth's congressional career which more particularly challenges the admiration of the present writer. In 1862 the general was selected as the candidate of his party for the congressional nomination in the district comprising the counties of Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams, being pitted against Hon. Edward McPherson, who had already served one term, and had the advantage of thorough organization. General Coffroth entered upon the campaign with great vigor and reduced the Republican majority in Somerset county from eighteen hundred to seven hundred, and was elected by a plurality of five hundred and sixty votes in face of an adverse majority of three thousand. He was the youngest member of the congress to which he was elected, but bore himself so creditably that he was re-elected in 1864. During these critical periods, while abandoning no principle, he constantly stood for the higher interests of the nation at large, exhibiting the broadest patriotism and unflinching courage in the Union cause, and was among the very few Democrats who commanded the admiration and personal confidence and friendship of the illustrious war president and his cabinet. He served upon various important committees of congress, including those on examination of accounts of the treasury department, and invalid pensions, and was known as one of the most industrious members of both bodies in which he sat. He was a real friend of the volunteer soldier, and he kept a large force of clerks busily engaged in correspondence concerning their interests and the interests of his district and state. His personal standing with the national administration enabled him to procure many beneficial enactments and departmental action, to the advantage of those for whom he labored. In the broader field of statesmanship he was a recognized force. In the thirty-eighth congress he cast his ballot in favor of the thirteenth amendment to the national constitution, providing for the abolition of slavery. In the heated discussion which preceded the vote, and in which he was brought into antagonism against the majority of his party associates and personal friends, he contended for the measure upon the ground that, to legally abolish the institution which had provoked the Civil war, a constitutional amendment must needs be submitted to the people in order that in the future there should be no reopening of the question nor cause for legal controversy. General Coffroth was chosen from among Pennsylvania's distinguished sons then serving in both branches of the congress as a pallbearer at the funeral of the lamented martyr president, and it is a pathetic recollection with the writer of this narrative that he (the writer) witnessed the entrance of the mournful cortege to the old state house in Springfield, Illinois, that awful April, forty and one years ago. In 1866 he declined a renomination for a third term. In 1878 he was again elected to congress from the district then comprising the counties of Somerset, Cambria, Blair and Bedford—a Republican district with some thousands plurality—and in this contest he defeated General Jacob M. Campbell by a plurality of something more than three hundred. During this term he was chairman of the committee on invalid pensions and of the select committee on payment of pensions and back pay, and was a member of the committee on enrolled bills. In his chairmanships he was most active, and to his industrious effort and legal ability was due the passage of many important pension bills. After serving with distinction and signal usefulness until the expiration of his term, March 4, 1881, he retired from public life and devoted himself entirely to his profession.

A brilliant orator, devoid of rhetorical trickery, he was natural, earnest and forceful. His campaign speeches were vigorous, effective and, withal, abounded in humor and pertinent illustration. His utterances in congress bore the stamp of a nobler eloquence. Active in the fiery discussions of the Civil war days, his speeches had the honest ring of heartfelt patriotism, and even those who were radically opposed to him listened with the respect which is to be accorded to the honest statesman. Easy and natural in address, graceful in gesture, possessing great fluency and highly persuasive in argument, he was recognized as one of the leaders of the house, and his speeches were admired for their good sense, propriety and genuine oratory. One which was widely reproduced by the Democratic press during a heated campaign was entitled "An honest and fair election, where the elector may deposit his ballot untrammeled and unawed, is the palladium of American liberty," and had for its introductory clause, "Trial by jury is defined by the renowned English commentator on common law to be the bulwark of English liberty." Tenderly sympathetic, he held to his friends as with hoops of steel, and his eulogiums at their passing away were touchingly beautiful. The annals of congress contain no more lofty and pathetic utterances

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"There is no death. The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore."

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president judge who approved the grand juries' recommendation.

"The history of the Somerset bar justifies the county in erecting a temple of justice equal in beauty and as commodious as any in Western Pennsylvania.

"This bar sent forth Joseph Williams, who was chief justice of Iowa and then chief justice of Nebraska; Moses Hampton, who was for a long period of time a very able president judge of Allegheny county; Samuel G. Bailey, who was a judge in the State of Illinois, and Jeremiah S. Black, my preceptor, who was born under the shadow of the mighty Allegheny mountains,

"Whose vast walls
Have pinnacled in clouds their snowy scalps,
And thronged eternity into icy halls
Of cold sublimity.

"He was president judge of the courts of this county, was a member and chief justice of the supreme court of the great State of Pennsylvania and afterward was attorney general and secretary of state under the administration of President James Buchanan; he then practiced law in the supreme court of the United States and soon convinced the people of this country that he was the greatest lawyer that was ever born in the United States. And in addition to these great lawyers many remained in the county who gained eminence and reputation as being very able men. Chauncey Forward and Charles Ogle, two great lawyers and statesmen, now sleep in the graveyard of this town, and the balance of the great lawyers I have named have left the shore touched by the mysterious sea that never yet has borne on any wave the image of a homeward sail. All of these great men have

"Gone from their country's august claim,
Where they from the lofty dome of fame
Hung like a bright polar star.

"The beautiful and magnificent building that is now being erected will be a monument to the great lawyers that have passed away, and to the lawyers who now remain, and to those who may take our place in the course of years; it will be a building that our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will look upon with pride, because it will be a grand heritage handed down from sire to son."

General Coffroth was familiarly and affectionately known by his military title, having been a major-general of militia prior to the Civil war. He was a member of the Order of Odd Fellows for more than fifty years and of the Masonic fraternity for nearly forty years. He was also for many years a member of the Order of Good Templars, and made many effective addresses in behalf of its principles and objects. He was a man of martial bearing, of free and companionable disposition, with a kindly heart and generous hand—attributes which tend to keep body and mind equable and well poised—and was held in the highest regard, whether in professional, social or public life. He married, December 20, 1854, Miss Nora Kimmell, now deceased, who was an accomplished and liberally educated lady of Berlin, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jacob Kimmell. Of this marriage were born three sons and one daughter: A. Bruce, a practicing attorney at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Jacob K., deceased, who was postmaster at Somerset during President Cleveland's first administration; George A., deceased, who was a student at law, having studied, as did his elder brother, under his father; and Mary, who died in her fifth year. General Coffroth died September 2, 1906, at Markleton Sanitarium. He was in his seventy-ninth year.

WILLIAM H. WELFLEY.

The Welfley family is of German origin. The name is variously spelled, Woelfley, Wolfley, Wifley, and Welfley, as in our present day. The name is the diminutive of Wolf—"the Little Wolf."

The earliest known ancestor of the Somerset county branch of the family was David Welfley, and we first know of him as living in Frederick county, Maryland. It is quite certain that he was of German birth, but in what part of Germany he was born is not known. The traditions of some other branches that are known of point toward the kingdom of Wurtemberg as the country from which their ancestors came, and it is probable that David Welfley came from that country also, or from one of the other South German states. It is also extremely probable that all of the names are of a common stock. About 1785 he was married to Magdalena Getzendiner, who was a widow with two sons and one daughter. In a list of early marriage licenses granted in Frederick county, Maryland, between 1778 and 1781, are found these names: March 19, 1779, Henry Shreiver and Barbara Welfley; October 27, 1780, Christopher Wolfley and Phillipena Hildebrand. These are supposed to have been a brother and sister of David Welfley. But unless the Welfley family of Page county, Virginia, are the descendants of Christopher Welfley, nothing is known of their families.

The family of David Welfley consisted of two sons and a daughter. Peter Welfley, the eldest child, was born in the town of Frederick, May 25, 1787. Catharine Welfley was born in the same town, November 28, 1789. Israel, the youngest son, was born at Cumberland, Maryland, in 1792. His father, David Welfley, removed to that town in 1791. At Cumberland he followed his trade, which was that of a cooper. He lived in his own house in Cumberland, which is now known as No. 87 North Mechanic street. His wife died in 1816, and some years afterward he went to live with his son Peter at Salisbury, where he died in 1837 at the age of eighty-two years. In his religious belief he was a Lutheran.

Peter Welfley learned the trade of potter, and about 1808 located at Salisbury, where he lived all the remaining years of his life. Being possessed, for those days, of a good education, both in English and in German, it was usually his custom to teach school in the winter months, his teaching covering a period of about forty-five years. He was the first postmaster at Salisbury (Elk Lick), being appointed in 1812. In his politics he was a follower of Thomas Jefferson (which very few of his descendants are). He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church, and for many years one of the elders of the Salisbury congregation. He married Eva Weimer in the autumn of 1810. She was the youngest daughter of Martin Weimer and his wife, Catharine Barbara, born Troutman. To them were born the following children:

Israel Welfley, born December 8, 1811; died May 25, 1906, in his ninety-fifth year.

Catharine Welfley (intermarried with Jeremiah Glotfelty), born February 14, 1814; died September 26, 1897, in her eighty-fourth year.

Jacob Welfley, born May 4, 1816; died February 10, 1849, in his thirty-third year.

Henry Welfley, born October 14, 1818; died August —, 1848, in his thirtieth year.

Martin Welfley, born October 7, 1820; died December —, 1854, in his thirty-fifth year.

John Welfley, born August 7, 1823; died December 19, 1898, in his seventy-fifth year.

Balthazar Welfley, born December 25, 1825; died September 11, 1903, in his seventy-eighth year.

Margaret Welfley (intermarried with Samuel Lowry), born July 20, 1829; died August —, 1898, in her sixty-ninth year.

David Peter Welfley, born February 25, 1832; died December 19, 1886, in his fifty-fifth year.

Of these sons, John Welfley was a Lutheran minister. Balthazar Welfley at one time lived in Garrett county, Maryland, and in 1877 was elected a member of the Maryland senate for a term of four years. David Peter Welfley, the youngest son, was a physician who stood well in his profession.

Peter Welfley died April 5, 1867, aged seventy-nine years, ten months and ten days. His wife, Eva, died January 3, 1870, aged seventy-nine years and twenty days.

Catharine Welfley, daughter of David Welfley, married Robert McCleary at Cumberland, Maryland, where she lived and died. Israel Welfley, son of David, died without family.

Jacob Welfley, second son of Peter Welfley, married Elizabeth Arnold, a daughter of George Arnold, of Greenville, in 1838. A family of four children was born to them, three of whom died in infancy.

William Henry Welfley, their second son, was born at Salisbury, August 14, 1840. In his politics Jacob Welfley was a Whig, not following his father's footsteps in this particular In his religious life he was a member of the Lutheran church.

In obtaining an education William H. Welfley enjoyed only such advantages as the common schools of his native village afforded. Before reaching the age of sixteen years he began teaching in the country schools, teaching seven terms in all. Having learned the photographer's art, he quit teaching school and made that business his life occupation, with but a single break of five months in 1868, which he spent on the eastern shore of Virginia in teaching a school of colored children under the auspices of the American Missionary Association. In 1866 he located in Somerset, where he has since resided. In 1874 he was elected a member of the board of school directors of Somerset borough, his service in this office covering a period of eight years. In February, 1906, he was elected burgess of Somerset borough for the eighteenth time, and with the close of his present term he will have served his town in that capacity for twenty-four years, a record that, so far as is known, has been exceeded by only two or at most three other men in the entire state of Pennsylvania. In addition to this he has also served three years as a member of the town council. His numerous elections to the office of burgess show that he has been a faithful public officer and that his service has been acceptable to the people. It is generally admitted that the town of Somerset owes more to him for its splendid waterworks and sewerage systems than to any other one man. He was commissioned as a notary public by Governor Hartranft in 1876, and has received a similar commission from every governor of Pennsylvania from that day to this.

As an Odd Fellow he has given his lodge twenty-five years of service as its treasurer. Politically, as a boy and a man, he has been an adherent of the Republican party from the first days of its existence.

Mr. Welfley is of Revolutionary stock in both the paternal and maternal lines of his ancestry, two of his great-grandfathers—Martin Weimer and George Arnold, Sr.—having served in the Revolutionary war, the latter in Captain Michael Boyer's company of Colonel Ludwig Weldner's German regiment of the Maryland line. He is also in the maternal line a great-great-grandson of George Steele, the ancestor of a numerous Bedford county family of that name.

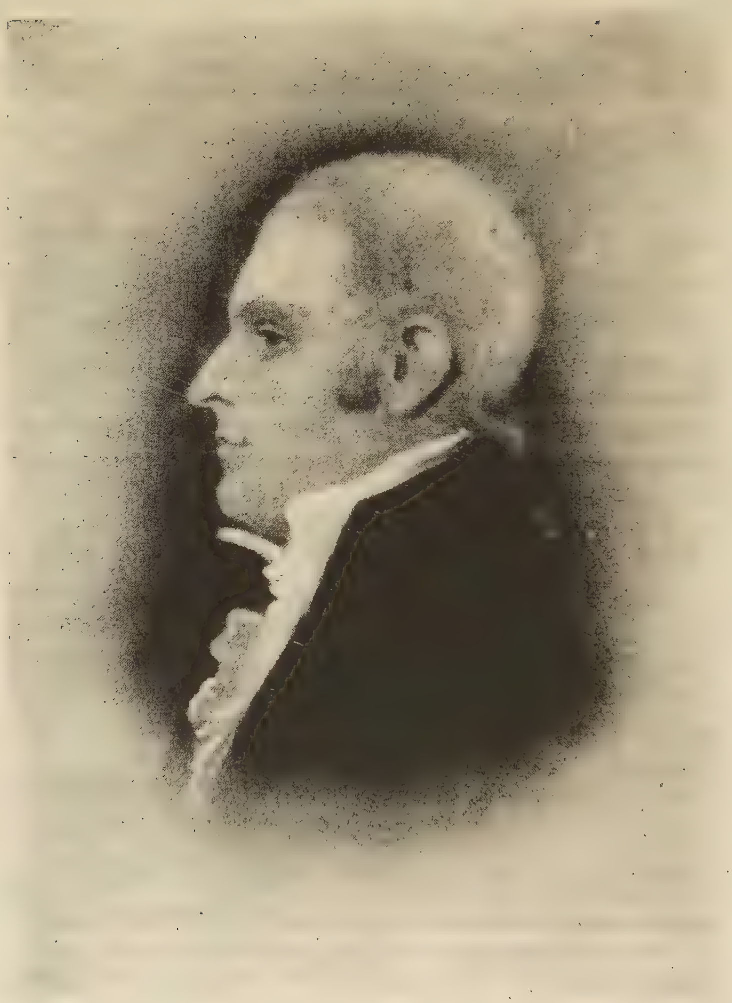
OGLE FAMILY.

John Ogle (I) was the pioneer of the Ogle family in America. He came from England in 1666 and settled in Newcastle, Delaware (then a part of Pennsylvania), where he held large grants of land under the Duke of York and afterward from the Penns. He had three sons, Thomas, John and William.

(II) Thomas Ogle, eldest son of John Ogle, the founder of the family in this country, was married to Mary Crawford, by whom he had five children, the eldest of whom was Thomas, born in Oglestown, Newcastle county, Delaware, in 1705, and he was the ancestor of Hon. Thomas M. Ogle, late of Wilmington, Delaware. By his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, he had six children. His fourth child by his first wife was Joseph.

(III) Joseph Ogle, son of Thomas and Mary (Crawford) Ogle, married Sarah Winters, with whom he migrated to Frederickstown, Maryland, about 1746. He was commissioned a justice of the peace by his kinsman, Governor Samuel Ogle, when Frederick was organized as a county of Maryland in 1748, and by virtue of that office was a member of the first county court of Frederick county. He had seen military service, and in the court records and elsewhere in the history of those days is called Major and sometimes Colonel Joseph Ogle. He owned lands on Owen creek, Frederick county, Maryland, aggregating about five thousand acres. He was father by his first wife, Sarah, to seven sons and three daughters. His first child was named John.

(IV) John Ogle, eldest child of Joseph and Sarah (Winters) Ogle, at the death of his father in 1756 received by his last will and testament, recorded at Freedrick, Maryland, about five hundred acres of valuable land from off the old homestead. He married and had six sons. About 1785 he, with two of his sons, Joseph, the eldest, and John, the fifth son, migrated to Illinois, along with other families from Frederick and Washington counties, Maryland. Among others was Captain Joseph Ogle, who as early as 1769 was living on the Ohio river, near the present city of Wheeling. Jacob Ogle (a sergeant in Jo-



General Alexander Ogle

seph Ogle's company) was killed near Fort Henry, being ambushed by the Indians, in 1777. Another brother, Captain James Ogle, was killed in 1782 in the unfortunate engagement of Colonel Crawford at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. The Ogles settled in what is now known as Monroe county, Illinois. The second son of Joseph Ogle was Charles; he lived in Elizabethtown, now Hagerstown, in 1794, and during that year severed his connection with the Mount Etna iron works, of which he was a member and of whose business at the Mount Etna furnace he was superintendent. The same year he engaged in the general merchandise business as a member of the firm of Ogle & Hall. He was a vestryman in St. John's Protestant Episcopal church. The third son of John was Alexander.

(V) Alexander Ogle, third son of John Ogle, born about 1766, was a clerk in the grocery store of his uncle, James Ogle, which grocery store stood on the corner of a two or four acre lot, in the center of which stood his uncle's dwelling, being the same house in which Major Joseph Ogle had lived—the old homestead on Owen's creek, Frederick county, Maryland. With others of the family and friends, the Cresaps, the Wetzels, the Poes and other Frederick county people, he went westerly to Washington county, Maryland, where, after the Revolutionary war, they congregated in the neighborhood of Oldtown, from which place Alexander removed to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, about the time of the formation of the county in 1795. Here he almost immediately sprang into prominence. He was repeatedly commissioned as prothonotary, register and recorder; was a representative in the assembly and state senator and member of congress. He was commissioned by Governor Snyder in 1811 as major-general of the state militia, and also by Governor Shultz, August 3, 1828, to the same office. As the representative of Somerset county, in one of his speeches delivered in the senate of Pennsylvania he referred to his constituents as the "frosty sons of thunder," in reference to the high altitude of this mountain county, an appellation by which the people of Somerset county have ever since been known and in which they take peculiar pride. Alexander Ogle was a tall man of commanding presence, finely chiseled features; generally wore a red vest and ruffled shirt. He was a Democrat and a great admirer of General Andrew Jackson. He was the subject of a character sketch by Dr. William Elder, of Philadelphia, published in his book, "Periscopics."

He married Mary Williams, of Bedford county, distinguished for her beauty and Christian amiability. She was one of the "three Marys" by whose efforts the first Christian (Disciple) church was started in Somerset. Alexander and Mary Ogle had two children, Charles and Alexander.

(VI) Alexander Ogle, Jr., son of Alexander and Mary (Williams) Ogle, was brigade general of the militia and captain of the Independent Blues. He was prothonotary, register and recorder for a number of years and a member of the legislature. His brother Charles was distinguished as a lawyer and a member of congress, where he delivered his speech in 1840 on the ''Royal Splendor of the President's Palace,'' so effective in the Harrison campaign of that year.

Alexander Ogle, Jr., married Charlotte, daughter of Jacob Schneider and wife. Jacob Schneider's brother Adam owned most of the land in Somerset borough north of Main street, and conveyed to the county the lot where the court house and jail are erected, and to the borough the lot where the academy or high school stands. Alexander Ogle and wife, Charlotte, were the parents of six children: Andrew Jackson; Charles Henry, graduated at West Point, member of New York cavalry regiment and died during the Civil war; Mary, married Judge F. M. Kimmel; Charlotte, married Ross Forward; Louisa, married Hon. Edward Scull, for many years editor of the *Somerset Herald,* collector of United States revenues and member of congress.

(VII) Andrew Jackson Ogle, son of Alexander and Charlotte (Schneider) Ogle, born in Somerset, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1822, attended college at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, read law with Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, who was his brother-in-law. In 1845 he was elected prothonotary and in 1848 to congress, representing the district composed of Somerset, Fayette and Green counties. He was a Whig in politics, and in the election of 1850 the Democratic majorities of Fayette and Green counties elected his competitor, Hon. John L. Dawson, of Fayette county. He was then appointed *charge de affaires* to Denmark by President Fillmore, but died suddenly of apoplexy, October 14, 1852, at his home in Somerset. He was six feet tall, fair complexion, light brown hair and blue eyes. He was unusual as a stump orator, popular and beloved by all who knew him. His untimely death cut short what promised to be a brilliant political career.

He married Harriet Forward, daughter of Hon. Chauncey Forward, who was a lawyer of prominence, a member of congress and a brother of Hon. Walter Forward, who was a judge in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and secretary of the treasury in the cabinet of President Tyler. The children born to Andrew Jackson and Harriet (Forward) Ogle were: Maud, married Hon. Francis J. Kooser, present president judge of Somerset county; Alexander, who graduated at West Point in 1872 and died as first lieutenant in 1901; and John G. Ogle.

(VIII) John G. Ogle, youngest son of Andrew Jackson

J. L. Pugh

and Harriet (Forward) Ogle, was born at Somerset, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1851. He attended the public schools, Millersville State Normal and Bethany College, West Virginia. He then read law with his brother-in-law, Hon. F. J. Kooser, was admitted to the bar in 1873 and his since continuously practiced law. At present he is associated with General W. H. Koontz as Koontz & Ogle. He has never held office, but takes an interest in politics and has several times been chairman of the Republican county committee.

Mr. Ogle married, in 1875, Cora Baer, daughter of Hon. William J. Baer, who was president judge of the counties of Somerset and Bedford from 1881 to 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Ogle have two children, Hallie and Elizabeth.

PUGH FAMILY.

"An honest tale speeds best when plainly told."

The Pugh family of Somerset county, including Hon. James L. Pugh, attorney at law, of Somerset borough, and subject of this sketch, are all descended from the great-grandfather who emigrated from Wales and settled in the state of New Jersey some time prior to the American Revolution. The Pughs are known to be of Welsh descent and not unlikely from the Welsh philologist and antiquarian, William Owen Pughe, retaining the final letter *e*, hence the orthography "Pugh" is believed to be more nearly correct than "Pew," which is the English spelling of the name. The change in the spelling of the name was made during the earlier school days of James L. Pugh and is believed to be the correct method and will be used in the writing of this sketch. The change in orthography seems to have been a matter of regret among the older members of the family, but it is now so well established that it seems desirable to continue the "Pugh." The great-grandfather, James Pugh, was an ardent Tory during the War of the Revolution, and it is said did not fare very well from the hands of the colonists. He resided in Jersey Shore, state of New Jersey, and had three sons, James, Nathan and William. There is an old log-book in the family that would seem to indicate that he was a mariner at one time; some say sea captain, but this is doubtful.

James Pugh, the grandfather of James L. Pugh, born January 23, 1764, emigrated from the state of New Jersey to Somerset county, which was then a part of Bedford county, about 1786. He was on his way to Greene county when James Black, the grandfather of Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, stopped him on his way and induced him to remain in what was then known as "The Glades." Here he located and remained for some time; becoming dissatisfied, he concluded to remove to the state of Kentucky, whither he went on a pack-horse trail in the early spring of the year. Not liking the country, he returned to Somerset county the same year and located in Stony Creek township. He was married to Mary Hulet, of Trenton, New Jersey, and had three sons, James, Boaz and Hulet. He continued to reside in Stony Creek township until the date of his death in February, 1841. His wife, Mary Hulet Pugh, an active member of the Disciple church, died April 21, 1844. James and Boaz Pugh continued to reside in Stony Creek township, and Hulet Pugh, born January 4, 1788, the eldest, moved to the state of Ohio.

James Pugh, father of James L. Pugh, born January 8, 1794, married Rachael Smith, of German descent, who was born July 7, 1803. They were married May 14, 1832. They had eight children, four sons and four daughters: Rosanna, married to Alexander Saylor, deceased; Ephraim, deceased; Mary, married to Oliver Knepper, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, married to Charles F. Rayman, deceased; Nancy, deceased, married to Josiah J. Long, deceased; Timothy, deceased; James L. and Boaz. James Pugh was a strict and consistent member of the Dunkard church. He died February 12, 1875. Rachael Pugh was a faithful member of the Lutheran church. She died April 28, 1882. They were buried in the old family graveyard on the old James Pugh farm in Stony Creek township, fulfilling the text, "That I may be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother."

Boaz Pugh was born May 11, 1796; was married to Susannah Weigle in January, 1822; she was born August 23, 1800. They had seven children: Hulet, deceased; Sarah Matilda, married to William H. Coleman, deceased; Delilah, deceased, married Emanuel Auman, deceased; Mary, married to Samuel Fox, deceased; Samson, deceased; John; and Rachael, married to John Trent, deceased. Boaz Pugh was a consistent member of the Disciple church and died March 5, 1876, and his wife, Susannah Pugh, belonged to same church, died March 5, 1886. They are buried in the old family graveyard. "When the dead are at rest, let their remembrance rest."

Rev. B. F. Pugh, the youngest son of James Pugh, whose family name is Boaz, was born August 4, 1847. He attended the country schools and when a mere boy enlisted, August 21, 1864, Company K, Two Hundred and Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the Union army of the War of the Rebellion. He did good service as a soldier and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He returned home, attended the normal schools of the county, taught school, entered the Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Snyder county, Pennsylvania, studied theology, prepared himself for the Lutheran ministry under Dr. H. Zeigler and graduated in June, 1877. His first charge after being ordained a Lutheran minister, June 30, 1877, of the Evangelical Lutheran church, was at Orangeville, Illinois, where he met his future wife, Frances Adaline Cadwell. They were married September 10, 1878, at Elmira, New York. He is now located at Ottawa, Kansas, and writes:

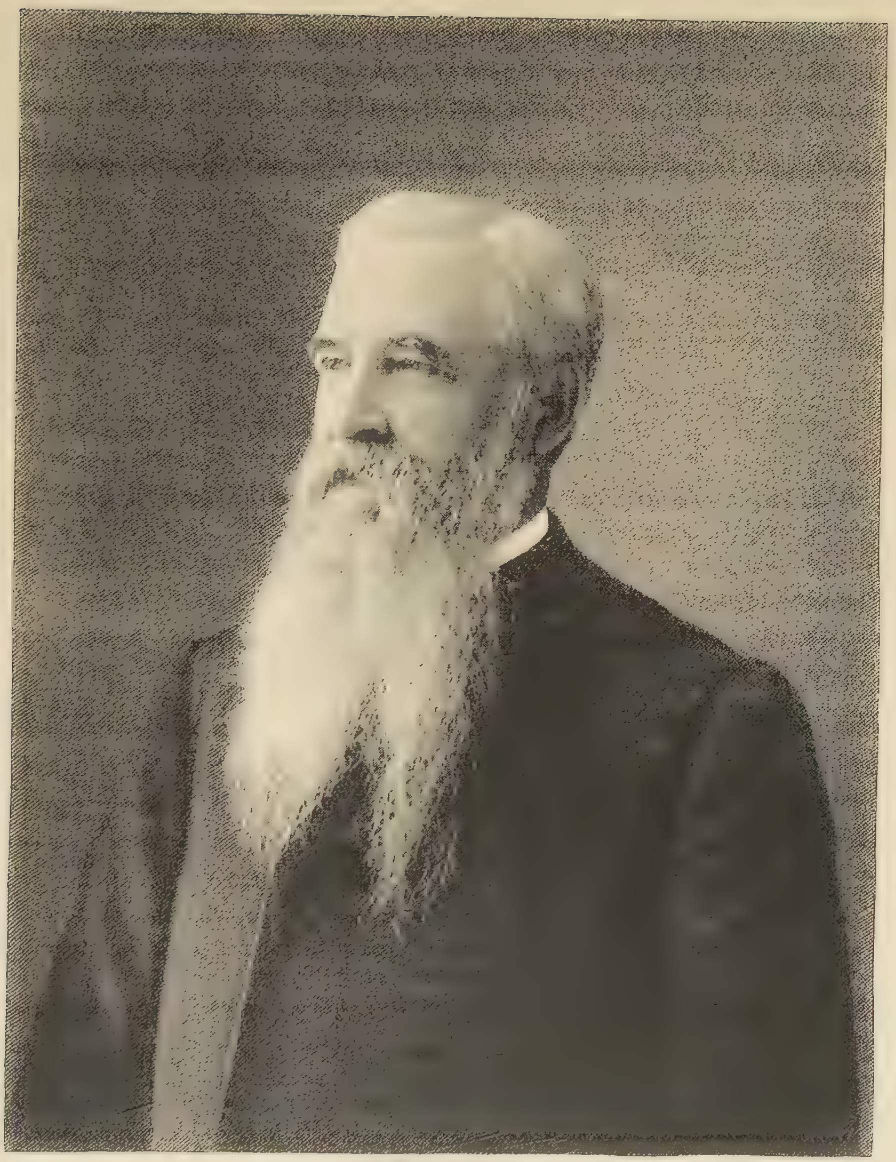
"It is time to be old,
To take in sail."

James L. Pugh, son of James and Rachael Pugh, next to the youngest son, was born October 14, 1844, in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on the farm of his father, about seven miles east of the town of Somerset, in what is known locally as "Sheep's Ridge." His early education was obtained from the common schools of the neighborhood, which were of the lowest and poorest grade. He attended a normal school at Somerset in charge of Professor J. J. Stutzman and commenced teaching school when he was but fourteen years of age; attended normal school and taught several terms of school. In 1860 the Civil war cloud, which had hung over the nation for some time, broke out in all its fury, and during the summer of 1862 he enlisted in the Union army and went forth to battle for his country. When he was but seventeen years of age, on August 14, 1862, he was mustered into service, Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was engaged in some of the hardest fought battles of that great civil conflict, including the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, being wounded in the former battle three times. At the expiration of his first term of enlistment he returned home and taught one term of school. The war not having ended, he enlisted again on August 21, 1864, in Company K, Two Hundred and Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, known as the Fifth Heavy Artillery, being a corporal in that company. He did good active military service until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. Upon his return home he continued to attend the normal schools of the county and taught school during the winter term, which was then only four months. In 1867-68 he taught school in the state of Maryland, where the term was longer and the wages better. During the spring and summer months of these years he attended the State Normal School at Millersville, Pennsylvania. He returned to his native county and taught normal school successively for several terms; was principal of the high school at Somerset and Berlin, and took great interest in the schools and teachers' institutes of the county. On December 15, 1870, state superintendent of common schools, Professor J. P. Wickersham, appointed him county superintendent of the public schools of the county, which position he held and filled creditably for two years; about this time he commenced the study of the law, read for some time in the office of Hon. A. H. Coffroth at Somerset and later entered the law department of the University of Michigan, graduating in 1874. He returned to Somerset county and was admitted to the bar on May 14, 1874. He at once had an active and lucrative practice. In 1875 he was elected district attorney, serving in that capacity for a term of three years with credit and ability. During the legislative sessions of 1887-89 he was a member of the house of representatives, where he made a creditable record as a legislator. Since that time Mr. Pugh has applied himself assiduously to his legal practice, which has become large and lucrative, especially in the Orphans' court and commercial branches of the practice. He is an active member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and is reporter for the district reports from Somerset county. He possesses one of the finest libraries within the community, including many rare and costly volumes, in all amounting to over three thousand volumes. On the walls of the three rooms of his office in which this well selected library of books is kept are to be found a large number of portraits of members of the state and local bar, supreme judges and noted national and world-wide famous characters. Mr. Pugh seems to be wedded to his books, as he is unmarried. In his political life he has always been a Republican. In religion he is a member of the Episcopal church. He is a member of various societies and is a past master Mason by service in that order. Mr. Pugh is a plain, unassuming man, and views matters from none but a practical standpoint. He has been highly successful in his chosen profession. He is a director and vice-president of the First National Bank of Somerset, a director of the Somerset Trust Company, and a large stockholder in both of these concerns.

"Time is hastening on, and we
What our fathers are shall be,—
Shadow-shapes of memory."

THE SCULL FAMILY.

The Scull family has been identified with Pennsylvania ever since the establishment of the Colony. William Penn came in October, 1682, and on the 4th day of the following December the first assembly met at Chester, passed Penn's "Great Law" and adopted his first "Frame of Government." On the 10th of September, 1685, the ship "Bristol Merchant," John Stevens, master, arrived at Chester, having among her passengers Nicholas Scull, the progenitor of the Pennsylvania family bearing his name. On the 9th of July, 1688, he purchased



Edward Scull

400 acres of land at a place named "Springfield Manor," about ten miles from Philadelphia, and there he resided until his death occurred, in 1703. He left a family of six sons, but, tracing the descent of only that portion of the family identified with Westmoreland and Somerset counties, the next in line is Nicholas Scull, the surveyor, eldest son of Nicholas Scull, the colonist, first named above.

Nicholas Scull, the surveyor, was born in 1686. Being a man of studious habits he acquired a knowledge of the Indian language and was employed by the government as interpreter. He resided in Philadelphia, following his occupation of surveyor. In October, 1744, he was commissioned sheriff of Philadelphia county, and held the office for several years, or until he was appointed surveyor general of the Colony on June 14, 1748. This office he filled until the time of his death, which occurred in 1761. In 1759 he published a large scale map of the improved parts of Pennsylvania and Maryland, prepared chiefly from his own surveys. It was the first correct map of the province published and embraced more than half of the present area of the state. A copy of this map is preserved in the library of the Historical Society in Philadelphia. He was a friend of Benjamin Franklin and a member of his celebrated literary and debating club, the "Junto." In his autobiography Franklin speaks of him as "a man who loved books and sometimes made a few verses."

Nicholas Scull was married in 1708 to Abagail Heap and they had a family of six sons and four daughters. One of the daughters, Mary, married William Biddle and was the mother of Commodore Nicholas Biddle, a distinguished American naval officer in the Revolutionary war. One of their sons, Jasper Scull, born December 3, 1718, was the father of John Scull, born in 1765, and who went to Pittsburgh, then in Westmoreland county, in 1786, preceded by a press and an outfit of types to establish the *Pittsburgh Gazette,* which first appeared on July 29th of that year and has maintained an uninterrupted existence to the present day.

Pittsburg, in 1786, was a town of less than one thousand inhabitants, but many things indicated a prosperous future for it. The Indian title to all the lands in the northwest section of Pennsylvania, including what is now Allegheny county, had recently been extinguished by "the purchase of 1784." The treaty of peace with Great Britain, terminating the Revolutionary war and acknowledging the independence of the United States, had been signed September 3, 1783. New York, Virginia, Massachusetts and Connecticut had ceded to the confederation their respective claims to the vast Northwest Territory which was about to be thrown open to settlement under the auspices of the general government, and Pittsburgh, at the "forks of the Ohio," was the gateway toward which converged Braddock's road and Forbes' road, the shortest, most direct and best roads yet opened between the more populous regions of the east and what was then called "the back country." Situated thus at the western extremity of two overland roads, where the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers met to form the Ohio, Pittsburgh was marked out as the point at which the commerce between the east and west must meet for interchange and trans-shipment, and the discerning mind of the young editor of the *Pittsburgh Gazette* foresaw clearly that the town at the head of the Ohio must become a centre of distribution and manufacture for the western country. In the fourth issue of his paper, August 26, 1786, he declares "this town must in future time be a place of great manufacturing, indeed the greatest on the continent, or perhaps in the world. It is a prospect of this, with men of reflection, which renders the soil of this place so valuable."

Here, then, John Scull set up his press, and on the 29th day of July, 1786, published the first newspaper printed west of the Allegheny mountains. He continued to edit and publish it for thirty years, until he was succeeded by his son, in 1816. The *Gazette* press also printed books, school books, catechisms, the Pittsburgh Almanac, and one of its earliest productions was Brackenridge's "Modern Chivalry." The *Pittsburgh Gazette* favored the adoption of the National Constitution and supported the policy of Washington's administration, including the suppression of the Whiskey Insurrection in 1794. For his attitude in that first crisis of the young republic, Mr. Scull's office was mobbed, but he fortunately sustained no personal injury nor damage to his property. The *Gazette* upheld the principles of the Federalist party during the period of his ownership, and was always a leader in and supporter of any movement for the intellectual, moral or material benefit of the community. When the *Gazette* first began publication there was no postoffice in Pittsburgh, and no postal service. The transmission of letters was by private messenger or the courtesy of friendly travelers. An office was, however, established in the following year with John Scull as the first postmaster. He continued in the office until 1797. In addition to his newspaper and printing business he had other public interests. He was one of the founders and the president of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, 1814-1819, and one of the incorporators of the Western University of Pennsylvania.

In 1789 John Scull married Mary, daughter of Colonel John Irwin, for whom the town of Irwin was named. Colonel Irwin was born in Ireland in 1739, came to America in 1762 and engaged in the Indian trade. He sided with the Patriots in the

Revolutionary war and upon the reorganization of the subsistence department of the Continental army, under the act of congress of June 10, 1777, was in that year appointed deputy commissary general of issues and continued to serve in that capacity until the close of hostilities. He subsequently served in the state legislature and as associate judge of Westmoreland county. He died at "Brush Hill" farm, February 5, 1822, and his tomb is near the old stone mansion built by him, in which some of his descendants still live. His wife, who was Elizabeth Bingham, the daughter of a British army officer, died June 3, 1818, at the age of seventy years, and her tomb is in the same plot of ground as that of her husband. Mr. Scull continued to reside in Pittsburgh until 1826, when he removed to his farm, called "Highland," situated near the town of Irwin and adjoining "Brush Hill." He died at "Highland," February 8, 1828. His widow survived until September 9, 1842, and rests beside him in the old Long Run churchyard, near Irwin.

The fruit of the union of John Scull and Mary Irwin was two sons and one daughter. The eldest son, Edward Scull, received a liberal education, studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and attended the lectures of the famous physicians, Doctor Benjamin Rush and Doctor Caspar Wistar. He was surgeon in the Volunteer army under General William Henry Harrison, and was with him in the Tippecanoe campaign and battle in 1811. He continued to serve with the Volunteers until he was appointed surgeon in the regular army. He was surgeon of the First United States Infantry and stationed at Pass Christian, Mississippi, where he died November 28, 1815.

Elizabeth Scull, the daughter of John and Mary Irwin Scull, was born in Pittsburgh, February 23, 1792, and was twice married. First to Ephriam Blaine, of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, by whom she had two children, Edward Scull and John Scull Blaine. Her second husband was William Ward and they were the parents of three daughters, Catharine, Mary and Julia.

John Irwin Scull, the second son of John and Mary Irwin Scull, was born in Pittsburgh, October 30, 1790, and was named in honor of his maternal grandfather. He was educated at the Pittsburgh Academy and Princeton College, studied law and was admitted to the Allegheny county bar. He was a gentleman of high character, affable manners, an accomplished classical scholar and a vigorous writer. In 1816 he became associated with his father in editing the *Pittsburgh Gazette,* and as his father's other interests made increasing demands upon his time, the latter ultimately withdrew from the paper, the son continuing in sole charge until May, 1818. In that month a partnership was formed between John Irwin Scull and Morgan Neville, who jointly edited the paper and published it bi-weekly until March, 1820. His maternal grandmother having died on the 3rd of June, 1818, and the health of his grandfather beginning to fail, he withdrew from Pittsburgh to "Brush Hill" in order to minister to the comfort and happiness of his aged relative, who had designated him as heir to the "Brush Hill" estate. Meantime John Irwin Scull had, in 1817, been united in marriage to Anna Bonnet Spencer, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Ewalt) Spencer. He continued to reside at "Brush Hill" until his premature and sudden death, which occurred on the 21st of January, 1827. His body lies in the old Long Run churchyard.

Anna Spencer Scull, with her children, continued to reside at "Brush Hill" until 1868, when she removed to Pittsburgh, and subsequently in 1882 she made her home with her brother, Captain William Spencer, in Steubenville, Ohio, where she died March 13, 1890, at the great age of ninety-four years. She was a woman of lofty character, of many accomplishments and of sweet and amiable disposition. It was her custom for many years and until her death to spend the summer months with her son Edward in Somerset, where she is still pleasantly remembered by many of the older residents. The children of John Irwin and Anna Spencer Scull were five sons and one daughter. Two of the sons, John Irwin and James, died young. Those who survived their parents were Edward, Spencer Fitzroy, Anna Marie and George Ross. The daughter, Anna Marie Scull, was born at "Brush Hill," November 1, 1821, and always made her home with her mother. She was a woman of many virtues, finely educated and accomplished and greatly beloved by those who knew her. Next to her devotion to her widowed mother her chief pleasure was in doing good to others. She died in Steubenville, Ohio, August 24, 1898.

Shortly after the death of their father, Spencer F. Scull and his elder brother, Edward, were placed in charge of their maternal uncle, Captain William Spencer, in Steubenville, Ohio, where they were educated at the Steubenville Academy. Spencer F. Scull was born in Pittsburgh, November 6, 1819. Upon reaching maturity he was employed for a short time as clerk in a mercantile establishment in Steubenville. He next became clerk on the "Hibernia," one of the famous steamboats of the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Packet Line. He afterwards commanded and was part owner of steamboats operating on the Ohio, Mississippi and Alabama rivers. When railroad construction began to make progress in the west he, in 1854, entered the service of the Steubenville and Indiana railroad, now part of the Pennsylvania system, becoming successively secretary, paymaster, auditor and general passenger agent. He continued in the service of the Pennsylvania Company until a short time before his death, which took place March 19, 1896, at his residence in Pittsburgh. He was a great lover and composer of music and a skillful performer upon several instruments, the chief of which was the church organ. In his younger days a number of his songs were published and enjoyed the usual ephemeral popularity of such works. Most of his music was of a sacred character and for many years was almost exclusively used in the service at old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church in Steubenville. In the month of June, 1850, Spencer F. Scull was married to Amanda Jane Bird, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hyde) Bird, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His widow still survives and now resides at Roland Park, Baltimore, Maryland.

George Ross Scull was born at "Brush Hill" on June 15, 1826, and that was his only home during life, and there he died February 29, 1892. There too some of his children continue to reside and his grandchildren to visit. The old roof tree has thus sheltered five successive generations of the same family, which is somewhat unusual in this land of changing habitations. George Ross Scull was for a time engaged in the transportation business, but about the time of his marriage entered the service of the Westmoreland Coal Company, serving successively as paymaster, purchasing agent and superintendent, and continued in that service until his death. On the 16th of July, 1863, he was united in marriage to Isabel Warren, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Spear) Warren, of the family of the revolutionary patriot, General Joseph Warren, who was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. She died at "Brush Hill" December 29, 1880. The children of George Ross and Isabel Warren Scull were two sons and five daughters. Joseph Warren Scull, the eldest son, married Louise Guffey and resides in Bellevue, Pennsylvania. He is at present purchasing agent of the Pressed Steel Car Company of Pittsburgh. The second son, George Ross Scull, married Elizabeth Davis and resides in Irwin, Pennsylvania, where he is engaged in mercantile business. Frank Scull, the second daughter, married John M. Stauffer and with him resides in Scottdale, Pennsylvania, where he is engaged in the banking business. Isabel Warren Scull, the third daughter, married Goldwin W. Starrett, of New York city, who, with his brothers, carries on an engineering and contracting business in that city. The eldest daughter, Alice Scull, with her younger sisters, Amy and Shirley, resides at "Brush Hill."

Edward Scull, the oldest son of John Irwin and Anna (Spencer) Scull, was born in Pittsburgh, February 5, 1818. He received a liberal education, engaged for a short time in mercantile pursuits, read law in the office of the late United States Senator Cowan in Greensburg and was admitted to the bar in 1844. He removed to Somerset in 1846 and practiced his profession until 1857, in which year he was elected prothonotary of Somerset county for a term of three years. He began the publication of the *Somerset Herald and Whig* in 1852, and continued to publish and edit it for fifty years. Mr. Scull was a writer of great clearness and force and his paper was an influential factor in shaping the political allegiance of the western part of the state. He was among the first to espouse the principles of the Republican party and was on its first presidential electoral ticket in the Fremont and Dayton campaign in 1856. He was appointed collector of internal revenue for the sixteenth district of Pennsylvania by President Lincoln on the 4th of March, 1863, was removed by President Johnson in September, 1866, when the latter was engaged in his struggle with the Republican majority in congress. When General Grant became president in 1869 he was appointed assessor of internal revenue for the sixteenth Pennsylvania district, and in March, 1873, at the beginning of General Grant's second term as president, he was for the second time appointed collector. This position he continued to fill until 1883, when the sixteenth district was consolidated with several others, owing to the abolition of many of the internal taxes and the consequent reduction in the personnel of the internal revenue service. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention held at Baltimore in June, 1864, that put in nomination Abraham Lincoln for president and Andrew Johnson for vice-president. He was also a delegate to the convention held at Cincinnati in June, 1876, that nominated Hayes and Wheeler, to the convention held at Chicago in June, 1884, that nominated Blaine and Logan, and an alternate at large to the convention held at Chicago in June, 1880, that nominated Garfield and Arthur. In 1886 he was elected to represent his district in the national congress, re-elected in 1888 and in 1890, serving in the fiftieth, fifty-first and fifty-second congresses.

In addition to the distinguished positions held by him, Mr. Scull also performed his duty to his townsmen by repeatedly serving as a member of the town council and as a school director. Until the close of his life his interest in politics was keen and profound and his counsel was still sought by the state leaders of his party. It is probable that no man before him ever held so predominant an influence, during so protracted a period, in the political and public affairs of Somerset county as was accorded to him. He was not a man who could influence the multitude by the grace and art of the orator, nor would he descend to the ignoble devices of the demagogue, but he compelled confidence and esteem by the innate force of lofty character, combined with ability of a high order and an open, upright life. In all the circumstances of his career, as a public official, as a citizen, as a husband and father, and in his intercourse with friends and neighbors, he bore himself with a dignity and courtesy that inspired respect and won affection. His life was simple and open as the day. All his incomings and outgoings were known. He walked up and down before his people for four score years without fear and without reproach, and at the end of his days was sincerely mourned as a loving husband, an affectionate father and a good citizen.

Apart from his public duties Mr. Scull carried on the printing business, a love of which he had inherited from his father and his grandfather, and he continued to edit and publish the *Herald*. In 1889, with his son George and a few associates, he organized the First National Bank of Somerset, the first of its kind in the county. He became its first president, and continued as such until his death, July 10, 1900.

Edward Scull was twice married, and the father of fourteen children, six sons and eight daughters. His first wife was Sarah Jane Marchand, daughter of Daniel and Jane (Irwin) Marchand, of Westmoreland county. The first marriage took place in 1841. The children of this union were Emily Connell Scull and Sarah Spencer Scull. Their mother died June 8, 1845, and was buried in the old Long Run churchyard. On the 16th of February, 1848, Mr. Scull was united in marriage to Louise Ogle, daughter of General Alexander and Charlotte (Schneider) Ogle. The second Mrs. Scull bore her husband six sons and six daughters. His eldest daughter, Emily Connell Scull, was married December 7, 1865, to John H. Boyts, of Somerset county, late captain of Company C, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was a gallant officer and was severely wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, during the Civil war, December 13, 1862. Being discharged from service on account of his wound he was elected register and recorder of Somerset county. He subsequently engaged in mercantile and commercial pursuits in Pittsburgh, where he died January 8, 1900. His widow now resides at "Brush Hill." Mary Ogle Scull, the fifth daughter, was married October 14, 1886, to Frederick W. Biesecker, of Somerset county, a prominent member of the Somerset county bar, and they reside in Somerset. Three daughters died young: Charlotte Ogle, April 26, 1875; Abby, July 22, 1878, and Darley Forward, July 15, 1878. The other daughters, Sarah Spencer, Anna Bonnet and Louise Ogle Scull, continue to reside with their aged mother in the old homestead in Somerset, where she has resided for upwards of fifty years.

Of the sons, Oden Hugart Scull died in infancy, June 8, 1868. John Irwin Scull was drowned while fishing in the Potomac river, near Point of Rocks, Maryland, August 22, 1878, in the thirtieth year of his age. He was a gentleman of fine character, cultivated tastes, affable manners and greatly beloved by his family and associates.

Charles Ogle Scull, the second and oldest surviving son, was born in Somerset November 27, 1851. He was educated in the public schools of Somerset and the Newell Institute of Pittsburg. He entered the railway service in the general office of the Pennsylvania system in January, 1870; became assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, and subsequently, for a number of years, general passenger agent of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. On August 27, 1902, he married Ann Harvy Miller, daughter of Wilson and Hannah (Lee) Miller, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He resides in Baltimore, Maryland, and is one of the vice-presidents of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.

Edward Blaine Scull, the third son, was born in Somerset April 30, 1854. He was educated in the public schools of Somerset and the Kiskiminitas Academy at Elder's Ridge, Pennsylvania. He read law and was admitted to the Somerset county bar July 12, 1877. He was married April 29, 1880, to Mona E. Coffroth, daughter of George R. and Alberina Coffroth, of Baltimore, Maryland. He resides in Pittsburgh and practices his profession at the Allegheny county bar.

George Ross Scull, the fourth son, was born in Somerset, November 25, 1856. Receiving a liberal education, he read law and was admitted to the Somerset county bar, August 29, 1879. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1880 for a term of three years. He served as secretary and chairman of the Republican county committee repeatedly and for a number of years was a member of the Republican state committee. He has been a delegate to several Republican state conventions, was an alternate delegate to the Republican national convention at Minneapolis in 1892, that nominated Harrison and Reed, a delegate to the Republican national convention at St. Louis in 1896 that nominated McKinley and Hobart, and an alternate delegate to the Republican national convention at Philadelphia, in 1900, that nominated McKinley and Roosevelt. He was a supervisor of the census for the Thirteenth district of Pennsylvania at the last enumeration and declined to accept the proffered position of United States marshal for the western district of Pennsylvania. Has been associated with his brother in the publication of the *Somerset Herald* since the death of his father in 1900. On October 21, 1885, he married Caroline Trexler Baer, daughter of Herman L. and Lucy (Schall) Baer, of Somerset. Their

Harvey M. Berkeley.

children are Lucy Baer, John Irwin, Edward and Anna Catharine Scull. Mr. Scull resides in Somerset and is president of the Somerset Trust Company, the First National Bank of Somerset, and the First National Bank of Confluence, Pennsylvania.

The fifth son, Robert Spencer Scull, was born in Somerset, March 4, 1860. He was educated in the public schools of Somerset and the Academy at Elders' Ridge, Pennsylvania. Upon quitting school he entered the office of the *Somerset Herald* and assisted his father in the business until the death of the latter. Since that time he has been editor of the *Herald* and has carried on the printing business in conjunction with his brother, George. He is a director of the Somerset Trust Company and the First National Bank of Somerset. On October 9, 1890, he married Clara Brubaker, daughter of Doctor Henry and Emeline (Philson) Brubaker, of Somerset. They reside in Somerset and have one child, Emeline Brubaker Scull.

HARVEY M. BERKELEY.

Harvey M. Berkeley, an attorney and cashier of the Somerset (Pennsylvania) First National Bank, was born in Summit township (Meyersdale P. O.), Somerset county, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1860. He is the son of Peter and Sally (Meyers) Berkeley. The father was born in the same place as the son, in 1832, and the mother at Berlin, Pennsylvania, in 1836. She was the daughter of Samuel Meyers, a well-known agriculturist of that community. In religious faith and profession, Peter Berkeley belonged to the Brethren church. Politically he was a Republican. His education was of the common school order, primarily, and later he attended the local normal schools. He became a minister in the Brethren denomination and passed from earth in 1865, when Harvey M., his son, was but about five years of age.

Harvey M. Berkeley attended the common schools and local normals and subsequently graduated from Juniata College of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, in 1881; from Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1885, having conferred upon him the degrees of M. E. and Ph. B. He taught Latin and Philosophy at Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, Towanda, Pennsylvania, in 1886-87; registered as a law student with Rodney A. Mercur, Esq., son of the late Chief Justice Mercur of the Pennsylvania supreme court, June, 1886, and was admitted to the Bradford county (Pennsylvania) bar in September, 1888. In May, 1899, he was admitted to practice in Somerset county, and has been in practice ever since. In 1892, on the solicitation of interested parties, he became cashier of the First National Bank of Somerset, Pennsylvania, which position he resigned in June, 1906, and since that time has devoted his entire attention to the practice of law and business enterprises, in which he is engaged with associates. He later became one of the directors of this bank, as well as of the First National Bank of Confluence, Pennsylvania. For many years he has been director and the treasurer of the Somerset Telephone Company, also connected with a number of coal companies.

His political affiliations have been with the Republican party. He was the chairman of the Republican county committee from 1896 to 1900; nominated for congress at the Republican primaries in 1900, but the district nomination was finally conceded to Hon. Alvin Evans, of Ebensburg. He is now in active business as lawyer and banker. Mr. Berkeley is a member of the Brethren church at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

October 31, 1889, he was united in marriage to M. Emma Beachley, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Urias M. Beachley, a distinguished medical practitioner. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley.

THE BAER FAMILY.

The Baer family of Pennsylvania is of German origin, and among its members have been many prominent characters in the business and professional world.

(I) Christopher Baer, the American founder of the family, spelled the name Bär. He was born in Zweibrucken, Germany. The date of his birth is not now known to his descendants. He came to this country and effected a settlement in White Hall township (near present Unionville), Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. He died in 1786, when between eighty and ninety years of age. His will, dated November 16, 1784, probated August 15, 1786, is recorded at Easton, Pennsylvania, in will book No. 1, page 448. He married Catherine Wingert, of Brockweiler Zweibrucken, Germany. They came to this country in 1743 in the ship "Phoenix" from Rotterdam. He took the oath of allegiance September 30, 1743. He purchased some eight tracts of land, one for each of his children, who were married, as follows: Melchoir, John, Henry, Salome, Appolonica and Jacob.

(II) Jacob Bär, the grandfather of the Somerset Baers, was the youngest son of Christopher and Catherine (Wingert) Bär, the first of the name in this country. He was born in White Hall township, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1761. He married a Miss Findlay, by whom he had four children: John, Nicholas, Jacob and Daniel. The mother died prior to

1790. In 1791, Jacob, the father of these children, married Mary Elizabeth Hersch, by whom four children were born—Peter, Solomon, Adam and Dinah Baer. In 1800 Jacob Bär and family removed to Maryland, near Mount Savage, Allegheny county.

(III) Solomon Baer, son of Jacob and Mary Elizabeth Bär, married Anna Maria Baker, in 1820, and to them were born the following named children: Margaret, born May 17, 1822; Elizabeth, April 2, 1824; William Jacob, January 20, 1826; Herman Ludwig, March 20, 1828; Ruffena, July 19, 1830; Henry Giesey, May 5, 1835; Mary Ann, April 25, 1840; George Frederick, September 16, 1842; Neven Solomon, April 25, 1845. Solomon Baer and family resided at Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was a house carpenter and cabinet maker. He served as constable for several years and was later a justice of the peace. He was elected to every office in the militia, from captain to brigade inspector. He died January 12, 1882, aged eighty-seven years, six months and twenty-nine days.

Of the Baker family to which Anna Maria (Baker) Baer belonged, it may be stated that George Baker settled in Germantown, Pennsylvania, and his children were: George, Frederick, Richard, Michael and Ludwig. The last named was Anna Maria's father, born in 1762, and settled at Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He married Maria Margaret Glessner, born 1761 and died in 1839. He died in 1840. Their child was: Anna Maria, born February 2, 1797, died October 5, 1888.

(IV) Herman Ludwig Baer, son of Solomon and Anna Maria (Baker) Baer, was born in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1828. The subjoined is his autobiography:

"When I was about fourteen years of age my father left Berlin, and moved to a farm four miles from Somerset, where I now reside. I worked on the farm for seven years; the last two years I taught school in the winter. My father sold his farm and removed to another close to Somerset. The idea of going to college was frequently talked of and when it was finally decided that I should go I left the plough standing in the field where I had been ploughing on Saturday evening and left for Franklin and Marshall College, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, in 1848. I entered the preparatory department, was there one session. The next session I entered college and continued to the junior year, then I remained at home and taught school one winter to raise some funds. I returned to college, stood the required examinations and was reinstated in my class and graduated in 1853. I returned to my home and within a few days thereafter received a call to take charge of Elmwood Institute in Norristown, Pennsylvania, which call I accepted and taught there two years, when I returned to Somerset and entered as a student of law in the office of my brother, William J. Baer, and was admitted to the Somerset bar in June, 1856, and entered into partnership with my brother under the name of Baer & Baer, which partnership continued until William J. Baer was elected judge of the sixteenth judicial district of Pennsylvania, I continuing the practice alone.

"In December, 1856, I formed another partnership (my marriage) with Lucy E. Schall, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, daughter of General William Schall, an iron master and a military man of considerable note in the Pennsylvania militia. My parents and those of my wife were members of the German Reformed church, one of the churches of the Reformation now known as the Reformed church in the United States, and the children were of the same faith. I have always been a lover of the Sunday school and have been a superintendent for fifty years and an elder in the same church for the same time and still continue.

"I am a Jeffersonian Democrat and never was an aspirant for office, but could always give a reason for my faith religiously and politically. I have always tried to do my duty conscientiously. I have held the position of examiner of students at law for over thirty years and still continue.

"In 1881 my wife died. I kept house with my children for eight years thereafter, when I married my first wife's sister, Annie C. Schall.

"William Schall, died in infancy; Caroline Trexler, born April 1, 1859; Reuben Edward, born April 2, 1867; George Baker, born March 30, 1863; Hermanus Ludwig, born October 4, 1874. Carrie T. Baer (V) was married to George R. Scull, Esq., of Somerset, Pennsylvania, both an editor and lawyer; also at this time president of the First National Bank of Somerset, Pennsylvania, and president of the Somerset Trust Company. His wife was a graduate of the common school system and attended Greensburg high school. Four children were born to them: John I., Lucy B., Edward and Anna C. George B. Baer (V) graduated in the common schools of Somerset borough and then entered the printing office of the *Herald and Whig*, edited by Hon. Edward Scull. After finishing his trade as a printer, he attended the high school at Elders Ridge, Pennsylvania. On his return home he concluded to go to California and finally located at Cloverdale, Sonoma county, California, purchasing the *Cloverdale Reveille*, which he edited for several years and then sold to his brother, Reuben Baer, he having been appointed postmaster at Cloverdale, which position he still holds. He is also superintendent

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of a quicksilver mine near the Geyser hot spring, eighteen miles distant from Cloverdale. He married a daughter of Dr. William Markell of the same place—Sarah Markell, by whom he had three children: Markell C., Lucy S. and Helen. Reuben E. Baer (V), born April 2, 1867, graduated in the common schools of Somerset, Pennsylvania, and entered the printing office of the *Herald and Whig,* and after mastering his trade there went to Tyrone, Pennsylvania, and afterwards to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he worked at his trade until the great flood of 1889, after which he went to California, where he worked for his brother. Later he purchased his brother's newspaper, which some years later he sold and purchased the *Enterprise* at Healdsburg, California. He married Helen Markell, daughter of Dr. William Markell, of Cloverdale, California, by whom he had three children—Christina, Elizabeth and Herman Ludwig. Hermanus Ludwig Baer (V) was born October 4, 1874. After attending and graduating from the common schools of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, he entered a drug store for a term of three years, after which he attended Bordentown College for one year and then entered the Jefferson School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia and graduated therefrom. The next two years he operated a drug store. Having concluded to become a physician, he went to Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and graduated. He then married Miss Mabel McKinley, daughter of Abner McKinley and wife. He then moved to New York city and engaged in the practice of medicine. He has recently been appointed a lecturer in Anatomy in the Post-Graduate Medical College and Hospital of New York city.

JOHN ALBERT BERKEY.

John Albert Berkey, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, commissioner of banking and attorney at law, is a representative of an old family which was planted in the state more than a century ago, locating in Berks county, whence his ancestors of three generations ago removed to Somerset county. The family is large and widely dispersed, and numbers among its members many of the most prosperous and highly respected people of Somerset county and elsewhere.

Mr. Berkey was born in Jefferson township, Somerset county, January 31, 1861, son of Chauncey H. and Elizabeth Berkey. He was reared upon the paternal farm, and began his education in the public schools, finishing in the Southwestern State Normal school at California, Washington county, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1884. Prior to this, and at the early age of seventeen years, his educational preparation was so sufficient that he engaged in teaching, performing his duties most creditably in schools in the counties of Fayette and Westmoreland, as well as in his native Somerset, and closing his career in the educational field as principal of the Somerset borough schools. He would have undoubtedly made further advancement as an instructor, but he had a predilection for the law, and entered upon a course of legal reading under the able instruction of Coffroth & Ruppel, and was admitted to the bar in 1889. He soon gathered about him a large and influential clientele, and now enjoys an extensive and remunerative practice.

He early entered upon public duties, being appointed by the director of the United States census to the collation and tabulation of the recorded indebtedness in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, and Somerset counties for the federal census of 1890. In 1892 he was elected district attorney of Somerset county, and brought to the place qualifications of a high order, and most praiseworthy industry and perseverance. Firm in his advocacy of Republican principles, he early found recognition as a party leader, and in 1899 was elected to the chairmanship of the county committee, in which capacity he rendered service of such value that he has since been continued as a member of the state committee. In 1902 he was cordially endorsed by the Republicans of Somerset county for the nomination of member of congress from the Twenty-third congressional district. The contest was warm and long protracted, and was only terminated by his withdrawal in favor of his warm friend and former fellow-student, Hon. Allen F. Cooper, who was accordingly made the nominee. On July 27, 1905, Governor Pennypacker appointed him to the highly important position of commissioner of banking, in which capacity he is now acting. A warm friend of education, Mr. Berkey has been for years a member of the board of trustees of the Southwestern State Normal school at California, Pennsylvauia—the institution in which he made his preparation for his active career. He is an active member of various benevolent and fraternal bodies—Berlin Lodge, No. 481, I. O. O. F., the Knights of the Golden Eagle, No. 181, of Somerset, the Knights of Maccabees of the World, the Royal Arcanum, the Modern Woodmen, the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the Patrons of Husbandry. In addition to his law practice and his official duties, he is largely interested in agricultural affairs, giving intelligent oversight to the conduct of several highly cultivated farms in Somerset county.

Mr. Berkey married, April 3, 1887, Miss Anna M. Barron, daughter of John C. and Catherine (Gonder) Barron, old and respected citizens of Somerset county, which has been their ancestral home for more than a hundred years past. Of this marriage was born three children—Mabel Ammons, Sue Elizabeth and May Jane Berkey. Mr. Berkey is a communicant of the Lutheran church, and his wife and children are members of the United Brethren church.

CHARLES WILLARD WALKER.

Charles W. Walker, one of the younger, but successful practitioners at the bar of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born November 5, 1867, in Summit township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, son of Silas and Eliza (Walker) Walker.

(I) Jacob Walker was a member of the early generation of the Walkers in this country. He was born in Frederick county, Maryland, about 1740, and immigrated to Bedford county (now Somerset county), Pennsylvania, in 1774. He settled in and resided in Brothers Valley township until his death in 1778, when he was killed by being thrown against a tree while riding a horse. He descended from the Walkers, who were early settlers in Maryland. He married and reared a family, but the name of his wife is not now known.

(II) Philip Walker, son of Jacob Walker (1), resided in what is now Summit township his entire life.

(III) Peter P. H. Walker, son of Philip Walker (2), was a farmer in Summit township, where he died in 1882, aged eighty years. He married Sarah Will, daughter of Daniel Will and wife, and among the children born to them was a son, Silas.

(IV) Silas Walker, son of Peter P. H. (3), and Sarah (Will) Walker, was born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, September 27, 1837. He has always been an agriculturist. In religious belief a Lutheran, and politically a Democrat. He obtained a good common education. He married Eliza Walker, daughter of Jacob P. and Elizabeth (Brougher) Walker, who died in 1896, aged eighty-eight years. Mrs. Elizabeth Walker was born in Summit township, January 25, 1841, and is a member of the Lutheran church. Her father, Jacob P. Walker, died in 1891, aged ninety-one years; he came from the same ancestry as Jacob, the above named original settler. John Brougher came from eastern Pennsylvania about 1790, and it is known was of German descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Silas Walker were born six children: Wilson, Charles Willard, Robert B., Edward M. (deceased), Minerva, wife of Emmanuel Berkeley, Clara, wife of Peter S. Hay, all of Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

(V) Charles Willard Walker, son of Silas (4) and Elizabeth (Walker) Walker, was born in Summit township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1867, and educated at the common schools of his native county, and Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, graduating therefrom in June, 1891, with the degree of A. B. Three years later he received the degree of A. M. from his Alma Mater. During his college life he was an active member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He was admitted to the bar September 29, 1893, and became a partner with A. L. G. Hay, which continued until April 1, 1897. Mr. Walker is a supporter of the Democratic ticket, and is a member of the Lutheran church at Somerset, Pennsylvania. He belongs to Somerset Lodge, No. 358, Free and Accepted Masons, and was master of the lodge from December, 1898, to December, 1899.

October 6, 1897, he married, at Somerset borough, Miss Susan C. Schrock, daughter of William M. and Mary E. Schrock. Her father was a captain in the Civil war, in the Union army (see sketch). This Schrock family came from Switzerland and the name was originally spelled Schrack, but finally corrupted to Schrock. The Schrock family was banished from Switzerland during a political disturbance, property confiscated, and they fled to Holland, but later came to America, between 1760 and 1763. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Walker are the parents of one child, Willard Walker, born October 16, 1898, in Somerset borough.

HENRY S. KIMMELL.

Henry S. Kimmell, a practicing physician of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born June 20, 1857, the son of the late Dr. Edmund and Emma J. (Schell) Kimmell, and is of excellent German ancestry.

(I) Philip Kimmell, a native of Germany, came to America in the Colonial period. When a young man he took up land in New Market, Frederick county, Maryland, which he cleared and improved, and on which he built a homestead, where he passed the remainder of his days.

(II) John Kimmell, son of Philip Kimmell (1), decided upon a medical career, and received his medical education in York, Pennsylvania, and afterwards located as a practitioner in Berlin, Somerset county. Studious, energetic and ambitious, he met with eminent success, and was for many years considered the leading physician in the county. He married Elizabeth Uhrick, and they became the parents of nine children.

(III) Jacob Kimmell, second son of John (2) and Elizabeth (Uhrick) Kimmell, was born in Berlin, Somerset county, and during his entire active life was conspicuously identified with its higher interests. A well educated, intelligent man, he was far ahead of his day in ability and ideas, and had the courage of his convictions in all matters. He followed the trade of a tinner for many years, and was also successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits for forty years. He served most satisfactorily as a justice of the peace, and for three years as registrar, recorder of deeds and clerk of the Orphans' court of Somerset county, having been appointed to the latter offices by Governor Rittner. He married Margaret, daughter of John Skoles, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and of the seven children born to them but three survive, John O., Charles A. and Theodora.

(IV) John O. Kimmell, son of Jacob (3) and Margaret (Skoles) Kimmell, is an honored and leading member of the Somerset bar, and a much respected citizen. He possesses sound judgment, and has creditably filled various offices of trust and responsibility. He married Mary, daughter of John Parker, of Somerset, and of the nine children born of this union four are still living, namely: William A., Parker Y., Emily, married Hon. George F. Baer, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and Margaret.

(IV) Edmund M. Kimmell, son of Jacob (3) and Margaret (Skoles) Kimmell, was born and reared in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He commenced the study of medicine with his grandfather, Dr. John Kimmell, and later entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, receiving his degree in 1850. After practicing his profession a year in Berlin and an equal length of time in Salisbury, Somerset county, Dr. Kimmell settled in Somerset. He devoted his entire time and strength to his profession, built up an extensive and lucrative practice, and won a place of prominence both as a physician and as a citizen. He was a stanch Republican in his political affiliations, and an active member of the Christian church. He married Emma J. Schell, daughter of Henry Schell, of Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, and they had a family of eleven children, of whom the following named are the surviving members: Ella, wife of James N. Keffer, of Somerset, who is the mother of four children—Emily, Clark, Edmund and Jonas M. Keffer. Clara, married Ed. B. Coffroth, and they have five children—Helen, Henry, Frank, Ross and Mary. Henry S., of whom later. Frank M., married Mabel Meserve, and they have one child, Schell. Louise M., married Lewis W. Fogg, and they have five children—Edmund, Lewis, Dana, Lucy, Dorothy. William, who is attending Medico-Chirurgical college at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Edmund Kimmell, the father of the above named children, died while yet in the prime of life, at the age of forty-six years; his wife passed away at the age of fifty-six years.

(V) Henry S. Kimmell acquired his early education in the common schools of Somerset county, and later attended the State Normal school at Millersville for one term. He subsequently prepared himself for the medical profession by taking a thorough course of study at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, from which celebrated institution he was graduated in 1880, just thirty years after the graduation of his father. Until the death of his father he was associated with him in practice, and since that event has continued in practice alone. Dr. Kimmell is a master of his profession, and well worthy of the eminent esteem in which he is held, both professionally and socially. He has been county home and county jail physician for the past fourteen years, and is now chief medical examiner for various organizations and for many insurance companies. For the past eight years he served on the United States pension examining board. He is a Republican in politics, and for twelve years has served acceptably as school director. Fraternally he holds membership in the Somerset County Medical Association, of which he was once president; the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Surgeons' Association, F. and A. M., Somerset Lodge No. 358; I. O. O. F., Somerset Lodge No. 438, in which he has passed all the chairs; and an active member of the Royal Arcanum.

October 26, 1880, Dr. Kimmell was united in marriage to Miss Sarah S. Schrock, a daughter of Major E. M. Schrock, a veteran of the civil war, and a well-known resident of Seattle, Washington. Four children have been born to them, namely: Clara, Edna, Margaret and Emily. Dr. Kimmell and his wife are active members of the Christian church.

SCHELL FAMILY.

In every community there are always rare family names bearing with them more prominence than others by reason of the fact that among its members there have been men and women, too, whose activities have touched almost every avenue of trade, every circle of society and all great strides toward development of the locations in which their lot has been cast. This is true in a large measure with the Schell family, to which belongs Paul Ankeny Schell, or Somerset, whose line in genealogy is:

(I) Michael Schell, born in 1675, and his wife, Veronica, left the Palatinate, Germany, and settled in Upper Hanover township, then Philadelphia, now Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, about 1732. He died in 1770, and his will was probated February 19, 1770. At the time of making his will, he declared himself to be of advanced age, twice married and no children by his second wife, Magdalina. He was possessed of considerable property and confirmed the deed of gift for one hundred and forty acres of land in Upper Hanover township to his youngest son, John. His children were: Jacob, Michael, Jr., Mary, Julia and John.

(II) John Schell was born, presumably in the Palatinate, January 22, 1729, and died May 2, 1777. He married Veronica Maurer, daughter of Jacob and Sophia Maurer, in 1753. Her father was a wealthy and influential yeoman. John Schell died early in manhood, leaving an issue but no will. He was a man of much local prominence, a representative merchant and a member of the Reformed church. The inventory filed May 10, 1782, of his estate valued it at "1261 pounds and 16 shillings," for his real estate and personal property at "1404 pounds, 19 shillings." His children were: John, Jacob, a musician of Colonel Proctor's regiment of artillery; Abraham, Anna, Maria, Veronica and Susannah.

(III) John Schell, eldest son of John (2) and Veronica Schell, born on the old homestead, near East Greenville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1754, died March 30, 1825. He married Elizabeth Hillegass, originally Hill de Gaze, born October 17, 1763. She was the daughter of George Peter Hillegass and granddaughter of John Frederick Hillegass, and first cousin of Michael Hillegass, the first to hold the office of United States treasurer. Like his father before him, John Schell was a merchant. Both he and his wife had a handsome property. They were devout members of the Reformed church. As had been the case with his forefathers, he, too, was possessed with the desire to become a large land owner and in the latter years of the eighteenth century—1798 or 1799—he purchased fifteen hundred acres of land at a cost of ten thousand pounds sterling. The land was located in that portion of Bedford now known as Shaw, near Cabin Creek settlement. Here, in 1808, he laid out the town of Schellsburg. In 1807 he gave the Lutheran and Reformed congregations six acres for church and school purposes, and later each a town lot. He was a prime mover in the building of the Bedford and Stoystown pike. His daughter's husband, Michael Reed, was chief engineer. The children of John and Elizabeth (Hillegass) Schell were: John, Peter, Abraham, Jacob, George, Michael, Elizabeth, Henry, Joseph, Catharine, Maria and Eve.

(IV) Henry Schell, seventh child of John (3) and Elizabeth (Hillegass) Schell, was born March 22, 1797, on his father's farm at Schellsburg, Pennsylvania. When not in school, Henry was engaged in a woollen factory and grist mill. He learned to make cloth. He was a man of great independence, of spirited purpose. He married, January, 1820, Maria Louisa Schneider, daughter of Jacob and Susan (Hyple) Schneider, and who with his brother Adam settled in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Before the marriage of Henry Schell, he bought from his father for seven thousand dollars the farm on which the woolen mill stood. To him seems to be the honor of first breaking away from the old time customs of treating harvest hands to liquor. With a firmness only found in such characters, he would not yield, but gave them higher wages than the other farmers. To Henry Schell and his wife were born ten children: John Jacob, Henry Ferdinand, Amanda Mary, Andrew Jackson, Alexander Joseph, Charles Sander, Emily Julia, Maria Louisa, Young Hanson, William Harrison.

In 1852, Henry Schell, wife, and sons, Jacob and Henry, became identified with a religious movement known as the "Disciples of Christ," and owing to church prejudices and feeling, Mr. Schell sold his home farm and mill for thirteen thousand dollars, and removed from Bedford to Somerset county, where the church of his new choice had already made much progress. At the borough of Somerset he erected a large brick building—store and dwelling—on the corner where now stands the Hotel Vanear. Here he conducted a large general store. Later the building was converted into a hotel, but was finally destroyed in the great fire of 1872. Mr. Schell gave the Disciple church the lot on which stands their church edifice. Two other large houses he built in Somerset were lost by the 1872 conflagration. At the time of Henry Schell's death, April 29, 1857, he left behind him a large estate in houses and lands, which fell to dutiful children. Of them were:

(V) John Jacob Schell, son of Henry Schell (4), born in 1820, was educated at Franklin College, Pennsylvania, and became a merchant and banker. He married Rose Bonnette, daughter of Isaac and Eleanor (Parker) Ankeny, by whom were born seven children, only one of whom, Paul Ankeny Schell, a merchant, now resides in Somerset.

John Jacob Schell was one of the best known and for many years one of the leading men of the county. He served as prothonotary. He was a member of the banking firms of Reed & Schell of Bedford, and M. and Samen & Co., of Somerset, in both of which he suffered heavy financial reverses. He was one of the first citizens of the county to realize the ultimate development of our lumber and mineral resources, and invested largely in unproductive lands. Had he been able to weather the various financial panics following the Civil war or retained control of his interests, he would have been possessed of great wealth by reason of his heavy holdings in timber and coal lands. He was an elder in the Disciple church and gave liberally to extend the cause of same during his lifetime. He died January 21, 1900, at Somerset, Pennsylvania.

The children of John J. and Rose Bonnette (Ankeny)

Schell follow: Ida, married Samuel L. Wilson, resides in Moline, Illinois; Elenor, married Dr. R. W. Clark, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Annie, married J. N. Lewis, of Bayonne, New Jersey; Myra, deceased, married R. B. Reid, who resides in Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Alexander, deceased, married Ella Gardener, resided in Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Edith, married George A. Shephardson, of St. Louis, Missouri; Paul Ankeny (of whom later), married Mary Sullivan Endsley, resides in Somerset, Pennsylvania.

Isaac Ankeny was a son of Peter Ankeny, who located in Somerset county in 1773, and on whose land that part of Somerset, from Main street to South street, was laid out. "Edgewood," just west of Somerset, was his home and known as the "Mansion." "Ankeny Square" and "Union School" lots are donations made by him for church and school purposes. Isaac Ankeny was born at the "Mansion," September 5, 1792. He held a number of prominent positions and was an active spirit in the early development of this section of Pennsylvania. During his time he was the heaviest land proprietor in Somerset. In 1820 he married Eleanor Parker, who was born near Schellsburg, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1789. Both died and are buried at Somerset, Pennsylvania. His residence was at Rose, Somerset, Pennsylvania. His children were: William, Minneapolis, Minnesota; John, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Thomas, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Calvin, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Eleanor, Somerset, Pennsylvania; Valeria, Somerset, Pennsylvania; Almire, Wheeling, West Virginia; Martha, Kansas City, Kansas.

(V) Henry Ferdinand Schell, son of Henry Schell (4), born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1822, was a merchant, banker and lawyer. He served as county prothonotary and was an active church worker. He received his education at Windom Academy, Ohio, and Bethany College, West Virginia. He married Rose Ankeny Stewart. Henry F. Schell and wife were the parents of four children: Theodore, died in childhood; Mary Alberta, married M. M. Cochran, Esquire, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Susan, married John F. Nichol; Henry Stewart, married Elizabeth D. Layman.

(V) Amanda Mary Schell, deceased, daughter of Henry Schell (4), married (first) Benjamin Fisher, who died, and for her second companion married Joseph Stutzman, who did much in the way of education for Somerset county.

(V) Andrew Jackson Schell, son of Henry Schell (4), was a merchant, and married Sarah Pyle. He was called "Jack," and he was superintendent of mails en route to California during gold excitement days.

(V) Charles Sander Schell, son of Henry Schell (4), married Lottie Wells (first), and after her death married Emaline Sabine. He was a merchant and real estate man in Beatrice, Nebraska.

(V) Emily Julia Schell, deceased, daughter of Henry Schell (4), married Dr. Edmund Kimmel, of Berlin, Pennsylvania, who removed to Somerset and ranked high in the skill of his profession.

(V) Maria Louise Schell, daughter of Henry Schell (4), married Francis Miller, a train despatcher for many years in Maryland.

(V) William Harrison Schell, son of Henry Schell (4), became a minister. He was educated at Bethany College, West Virginia. He married Clara Craft. Served with honor in the Civil war.

(VI) Paul Ankeny Schell, son of John Jacob (5) and Rose Ankeny Schell, was born July 6, 1865. He is the only male descendant of the old Ankeny-Schell families now living in Somerset. He was educated in the public schools of Somerset, Pennsylvania, and at the early age of fifteen started to learn the trade of tinsmith, later taking up plumbing and steamfitting, of which trades he is a practical master. Some of the largest public and private buildings in this section and adjoining states, including the fine new court house of Somerset county, have had the plumbing and heating systems installed by his firm. From a very small beginning Mr. Schell's business has grown rapidly. In 1903 the Schell Hardware Company was organized and incorporated and now has stores in Somerset, Connellsville and Uniontown, Pennsylvania, of which corporation Mr. Schell has been president since its organization. In politics Mr. Schell is a Republican, and in church connection is a member of the Christian church. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, advanced to Knight Templarship; also belongs to Odd Fellows.

Mr. Schell married, at Somerset, August 7, 1890, Mary Sullivan Endsley, daughter of Andrew Jackson Endsley, a Endsley, born at Somerset, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1891; and prominent Methodist divine, wife, Catharine Sullivan Johnson, the great-granddaughter of Captain Patrick Sullivan. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Schell are: Wilbur John, born at the same place, January 23, 1900.

PERRY F. SHAFFER.

Perry F. Shaffer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born October 4, 1868, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Shaffer. Henry Shaffer (father) was a native of Quemahoning, Somerset county, born in 1820, and was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Elizabeth Hoffman, was born in 1823 in Quemahoning, a daughter of John Shaffer. Their children: John (deceased), Sarah, Amanda, Benjamin, William, Cyrus, Frank, Herman, Nancy, Perry F., of whom later.

Perhaps there is not a more able, better informed, more scientific and zealous member of the medical profession in Somerset county than Dr. Perry F. Shaffer, and it is a well known fact that the Somerset contingent is always in the lead in all scientific and medical researches. Dr. Shaffer came to Somerset from Bedford, Pennsylvania, twelve years ago. He is an alumnus of the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College, where he graduated with class honors, passing a rigid examination, with a per cent of 100, perfect in every branch of study. The Eclectic Medical College is an institution from which have come forth hundreds and even thousands of the leading physicians now practicing in America, and is recognized as one of the most complete and thorough colleges to be found anywhere. Their entire system of practice is an advanced method of battling with the numerous diseases that afflict mankind, and the more that is known of this modern and skillful method of treatment the more popular it becomes with the people.

When, twelve years ago, Dr. Shaffer came to Somerset, a young man little more than twenty-three years of age (having graduated soon after he was twenty-one), his practice was small. This, however, he soon increased to large proportions by his successful manner of treating patients and his thorough diagnosis and watchful care. He is one of the self-made, industrious young men, a skillful master of every detail of the medical profession. He is an expert in the treatment of ailments peculiar to this country, and believes strictly in the introduction and application of everything that will reduce human suffering, and cure the many ills to which the human family is subject. He is always reasonable in his charges, careful and conscientious in his treatment, and is a progressive and capable practitioner, possessing the confidence and esteem of the community at large.

Dr. Shaffer married, October 3, 1888, Bertha Wertz, born February 13, 1866, a daughter of Emons and Emaline (Philson) Wertz. Of this marriage one child was born, Nellie, October 18, 1889.

ARTHUR O. BARCLAY, M. D.

Arthur O. Barclay, a practicing physician of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born October 31, 1874, in Bakersville, a son of Simon P. and Amanda (Shaffer) Barclay. He is of German descent, his great-grandfather having emigrated to this country from Germany. His grandfather, Samuel Barclay, was a native of Somerset county. He had the distinction of raising the largest steer ever raised in Pennsylvania, which weighed forty-two hundred pounds.

Simon P. Barclay (father) was born April 12, 1844, in Lavansville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He follows the occupation of a farmer and stock raiser, and is an ardent Republican. He married Amanda Shaffer, daughter of Henry and Susan (Hoffman) Shaffer, both natives of Jenners, Pennsylvania, the former a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer were the parents of the following children: John, Cyrus, Amanda, Mary, Sadie W., Benjamin, Franklin, Herman, William, Nancy and Perry. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon P. Barclay: Nettie A., Arthur O., of whom later; Cora I. and Loyal Wilmington.

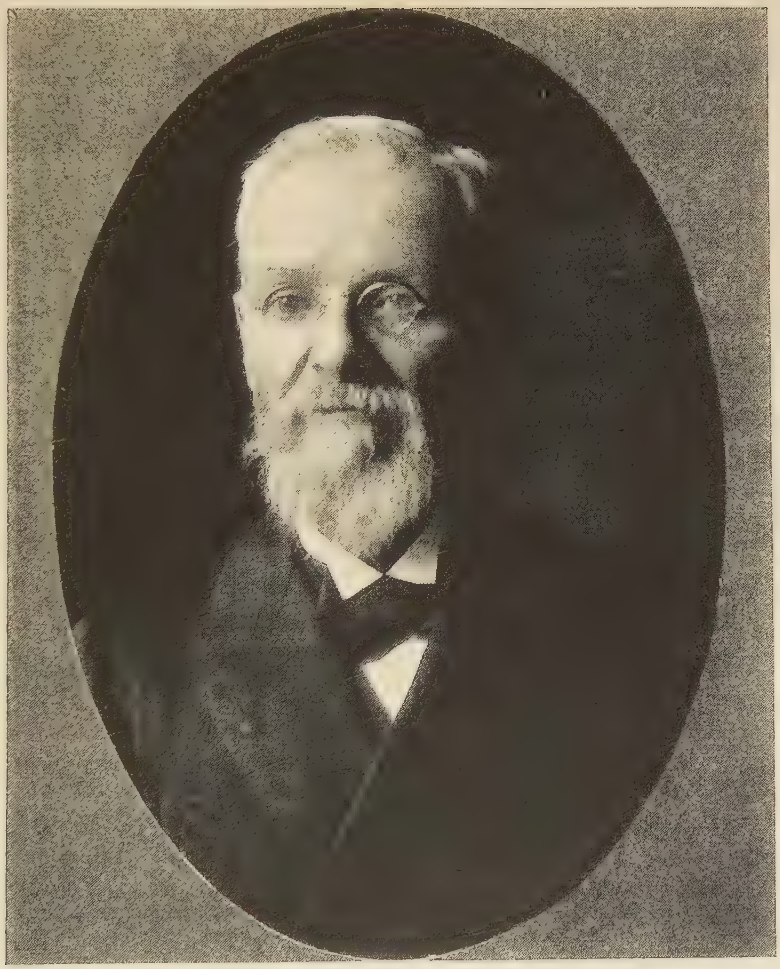
Arthur O. Barclay decided on a medical career, and studied for his profession in the Eclectic Medical Institute, of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated in the year 1902. He served for eighteen months in the Seton Hospital at Cincinnati, and then returned to Somerset, where he has since been established in practice. He is in every way well qualified for the work which he has chosen, and has built up an extensive and lucrative practice.

He married, August 25, 1898, Margaret M. Ream, born August 2, 1879, in Jennerstown, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Gumbert) Ream, the former a farmer and stock raiser. Her grandfather is Charles Ream, a farmer of Berlin, who is still living and active at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

REV. PETER VOGEL.

The grandfather of Rev. Peter Vogel, of Somerset, was Tobias Vogel, of Bischofsheim, on the River Tauber, Baden, Germany. By occupation he was a tailor. Mr. Vogel, having served his full time in the German army, became an earnest Republican, and, because of his leadership in the agitation which finally broke out in the Revolution of 1848, found it wise to leave for the United States as the land where his political doctrines were acceptable. This he did in 1831, and settled on a farm three miles west of Butler, Pennsylvania. In religion he was a devout Roman Catholic. Mr. Vogel married Elizabeth Ginsthaler, a native of the same part of Germany as himself, and they were the parents of three sons: Albin, of whom later; Frantz Josef, who lives on a farm near Altamont, Illinois; and Philip, who recently died on the old homestead, near Butler.

Albin (or Alvin) Vogel, son of Tobias and Elizabeth (Ginsthaler) Vogel, was educated for the Roman Catholic priesthood in German schools. He was sixteen years old when he came to the United States, and was so proficient in Latin



Peter Vogel.

that he became the interpreter for the family by finding a priest, with whom he could, of course, converse in that language, in places where no German was spoken. The broken fortunes of the family, because of their political views in Germany, compelled him to stay at home and help on the farm.

Mr. Vogel married, about 1839, Maria Ursula Flick, who came from Rhenish Bavaria, about the time when the Vogels emigrated from Bischofsheim. Her education was that of the ordinary German schools, and her faith also Roman Catholic. Two sons were born to them: Peter, of whom later; and Tobias. Mr. Vogel, at the early age of twenty-eight, fell a victim to smallpox, as did his younger son, Tobias, who died two weeks before his father. Neither had been vaccinated. His widow, in the course of time, married again, and her death occurred in 1878, in central Illinois.

Peter Vogel, son of Albin and Maria Ursula (Flick) Vogel, was born September 4, 1841, three miles west of Butler, Pennsylvania, and was four and a half years of age at the time of the death of his father. His mother's second marriage resulted in his being largely cast among strangers, and changed his whole course of life. His early years were spent in a German-speaking community and he learned English in his "teens," having before that attended German schools.

Having become convinced that he could serve his God better as a Protestant, he worked his way through Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois, graduating in 1866, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and later receiving that of Master of Arts. He entered the ministry of the Disciples of Christ, declining several professorships in colleges, and also pulpits in Brooklyn, New York; St. Louis, Missouri, and Bloomington, Illinois, that he might serve smaller places in Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Pennsylvania. He has been pastor of the Somerset Disciple church longer than any other one person, first in 1870 and 1871, and again in 1883 to the autumn of 1887, when literary work, in addition to the cares and responsibilities of his pastorate, so reduced his vitality that he was forced to abandon both and became official court reporter for the Sixteenth Judicial District, Bedford and Somerset counties, a position which he still holds in Somerset county, which now constitutes by itself the Sixteenth Judicial District. Meanwhile he has been preaching, largely as a gratuity, for nearly all the leading denominations of the county, in case of the illness or absence of their pastors. During his pastorates, and in addition thereto, he has founded or restored thirteen congregations, delivered numerous temperance lectures, and prepared young people for academies and colleges. He is the author of two books, "Sabbath Discussion," (now out of print), and

"The Tale of a Pioneer Church," a history of the Somerset Disciple church, which has rescued from oblivion many important facts and documents, and of which Hon. B. F. Meyers, of Harrisburg, in review, said: "This is the only book that gives the real origin of the Republican party." Mr. Vogel is now preparing a poem on the Lord's Prayer, entitled Pater Noster, to be published in book form early in 1907. Because of the horrors of slavery Mr. Vogel forsook the Democracy of his ancestors and became a Republican, and because of the tremendous havoc of the drink traffic has for years been a Prohibitionist. By the latter organization he has been several times nominated for the legislature.

Mr. Vogel married, October 11, 1866, at New Castle, Pennsylvania, Maud M., daughter of Matthew and Jane (Barber) Dinsmore, the former a farmer. Mrs. Vogel was educated in New Castle and is regarded as one of the most talented women of Somerset, her addresses and papers in conventions being always notable features. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Vogel, three daughters are now living: Ella King, assistant principal of the Somerset schools; Virginia Viola, teacher of the pianoforte, and Maud Petrina, who is attending an academic course. Another daughter, Daisy M., recently died in the Philippines, where she and Ella King were government teachers in the Bulacan high school at Baliuag, Daisy having been previously in charge of the department of music in the Edinboro State Normal school and government teacher in Porto Rico. Of the four teachers for the Philippines that Dr. N. C. Shaffer, state superintendent of education, was requested by the government to select, Ella King and Daisy M. were two. Mr. Vogel, for a number of years, has devoted his spare moments to special thought and study, it being his purpose to end his days in writing books of a critical nature on scriptural and scientific themes.

KNEPPER FAMILY.

Three brothers of the Knepper family in Wurtemberg, Germany, came to America in 1750. One settled in Virginia, one in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and the other farther to the west. From the last named descended all the generations of this name in Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

(I) John Knepper, born 1763, died August 1, 1817, in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He married Anna M. Glessner, born 1765, died 1847. She was the daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Fisher) Wertz. The former was born June 12, 1772, and the latter May 24, 1776. John Knepper and wife, Anna M., had the following children: Elizabeth, born February 23, 1789, died aged eighty-six years;

Catharine, born June 10, 1790; William, born at Berlin, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1792; he was a soldier in the war of 1812-14; A. M. (known as "Polly"), born November 2, 1793, died aged fifty-nine years; John, born October 13, 1795; Jacob, born September 4, 1797; Lewis, born December 26, 1799, died at the age of eighty-eight years; Peter, born March 4, 1802, a marble cutter by trade; Judge Jonathan, born July 20, 1804, became sheriff and associate judge of Somerset county, Pennsylvania; George, born December 12, 1806; Simon, born May 3, 1809, of whom later; Rev. Henry, born August 25, 1812, died aged sixty-six years; Rev. Benjamin, born September 10, 1816, of whom later.

(II) Simon Knepper, son of John (1) and Anna M. (Glessner) Knepper, born May 3, 1809, died aged fifty-three years. He was a carpenter by trade. He married Nancy, daughter of Christian and Nancy (Fisher) Wertz, January 15, 1834. Their children were: Amanda, born May 20, 1835, married Joseph Pritts, deceased; Oliver, born June 5, 1837, of whom later; Lieutenant Henry F., born April 19, 1839, of whom later; Amos W., born April 14, 1841, of whom later; William P., born July 25, 1843, served in the civil war, was killed at New Market, and was buried on Southern soil; he was a member of Company B, Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania Regiment; Ellen, born December 31, 1845; married William Weigle; Emeline, born May 28, 1848, married Samuel Deitz; David, born September 7, 1850, deceased; Cyrus, born August 26, 1852, married Annie E. Pile; Annie born October 6, 1854, married Elwood Rice; Elizabeth, born April 19, 1857, married Edward Horner, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

(II) Rev. Benjamin Knepper, youngest child of John (1) and Anna M. (Glessner) Knepper, born September 10, 1816, died October 3, 1905, aged eighty-nine years. He died at his daughter's house in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. He was the youngest of thirteen children in his parents' family. He received his education in the common schools of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and subsequently took a theological course under the instruction of Rev. William Conrad, of Hagerstown, Maryland, who was pastor of the Reformed church at Berlin, Pennsylvania. He entered the ministry when he was twenty-eight years of age, being associated with the Reformed church. For a time he was pastor at Wellersburg, Pennsylvania, then went to Illinois, where he remained eighteen months, but was called back by his people in Somerset county to again become pastor at Wellersburg, Pennsylvania, which he faithfully served for fifty-five years, without intermission. For many years he was the only pastor of his denomination in Somerset county, hence was in great demand in both this and Bedford counties.

At that early day much of the preaching was in country districts, and many long trips were made to officiate at funerals and weddings. During his ministry, "Father Knepper" baptized over two thousand persons and officiated at more marriages and funerals than any other man in Somerset county.

In 1839 Rev. Knepper was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Hay, of Berlin, Pennsylvania. Two children were born of this union: Sophia, deceased, and Mrs. Ann Heller, now living at Connellsville, Pennsylvania. In 1889 he celebrated his "golden wedding" anniversary. He was buried at Berlin, Pennsylvania. His wife survived him. Among the remarkable and heroic characters of the nineteenth century among the clergy of Pennsylvania, Father Knepper will ever be referred to as among the "bright and shining lights."

(III) Oliver Knepper, son of Simon (2) and Nancy (Wertz) Knepper, born June 5, 1837, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania; died in 1899. He was by trade a carpenter. He served his county as sheriff, and at his death was holding the office of justice of the peace. He was an exceptionally prominent man, and great was the sorrow in the community at his death. He was orderly sergeant in Company H, Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, during the Civil war. He married Mary Pugh, in 1858; she was born in 1836. The children by this union were: Laura, born May, 1860; Chester M., born 1862; Ada and Cora (twins); Edith, Orlo S.. Florence.

(III) Lieutenant Henry F. Knepper, son of Simon (2) and Nancy (Wertz) Knepper, was born April 14, 1839, at what is now called Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was a school teacher and treasurer of Somerset county. In politics a radical Republican. In religious faith and profession a United Brethren. He served in the Union army during the civil war, enlisting as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and after nine months re-enlisted in the Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and served until the end of the war, receiving a commission as lieutenant, having been first sergeant. After he had served one term as county treasurer of his county, Mr. Knepper was made deputy for another term and had full charge of the office. He was one of four brothers who followed teaching many terms. He was the one of the four who served in the Union cause in the days of the rebellion.

He married, February 14, 1860, Margaret Spangler, born November 10, 1837. Their five children are: Wilson J., born November 26, 1860, now a merchant of Indiana; Norman E., born September 27, 1862, married Emma Weimar, of Somerset; Almira, born July 22, 1864, married Mahlon Schrock; Edward K., born June 4, 1866, now a merchant of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, married Emma Wright, of Bedford county, Pennsylvania; Winnie Grace, born November 7, 1878, a teacher of long service in the schools of Pittsburgh and Johnstown, Pennsylvania—a teacher of rare attainments.

(III) Amos W. Knepper, son of Simon (2) and Nancy (Wertz) Knepper, was born April 14, 1841, at Berlin, Pennsylvania, in "an old red house still standing." He was schooled in the Somerset county schools and when twenty years of age enlisted in the Union cause, August 14, 1862, as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was in Captain George F. Baer's famous company and was a corporal. He cast his first vote while on the battlefield of Antietam, voting for Abraham Lincoln, for his second term. He served nine months and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1863. He participated in the engagements so famous in the history of the civil war—the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, etc. After his return he engaged in merchandising at Somerset, continuing about twenty-five years. Since 1904 he has been actively engaged in the real estate business at Somerset. He is now vice-president of the Somerset Electricity plant and a large real estate owner.

Politically, like all the family, Mr. Knepper is a staunch Republican, and was a candidate for the state legislature in 1902, and was only defeated by a small majority in a three-cornered contest. In the spring of 1906, nominated by Republicans for legislator, which is equivalent to election in the county of Somerset. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 210; Knights of the Golden Eagle, Junior Order of American Mechanics, Farmers' Alliance and Grange, and Maccabees.

He married, January 16, 1868, at New Centerville, Pennsylvania, Sabinie E., daughter of Joseph and Deliah (Boyd) Smith, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Knepper was one of a family of five children, two of whom only survived. By this union two sons were born: William, November 10, 1868, died when between five and six years of age; Rev. George W., April 3, 1876, and educated in the common and high schools of Somerset, and graduated from the Indianapolis University of Butler, with the class of 1899. After leaving college, he was state secretary and traveling lecturer for the State of Indiana for the Young Men's Christian Association for about two years. He was called home by the death of his mother, March 12, 1900, soon after which said event he took up the work of the ministry, becoming pastor by a unanimous call of the Christian church at Somerset—his native borough—which charge he still holds in a most devout and truly creditable manner. His pastorate dates from the spring of 1904.

(IV) Chester M. Knepper, son of Oliver (3) and Mary (Pugh) Knepper, born in 1862, entered the naval school at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1880, and graduated therefrom in 1884. He is still in the United States navy. He was commander of the torpedo boat "McKay" at the time of the Spanish-American war, and was delegated to bring back the remains of Paul Jones from France, in July, 1905, being on the flag ship "Brooklyn." He was married in 1897.

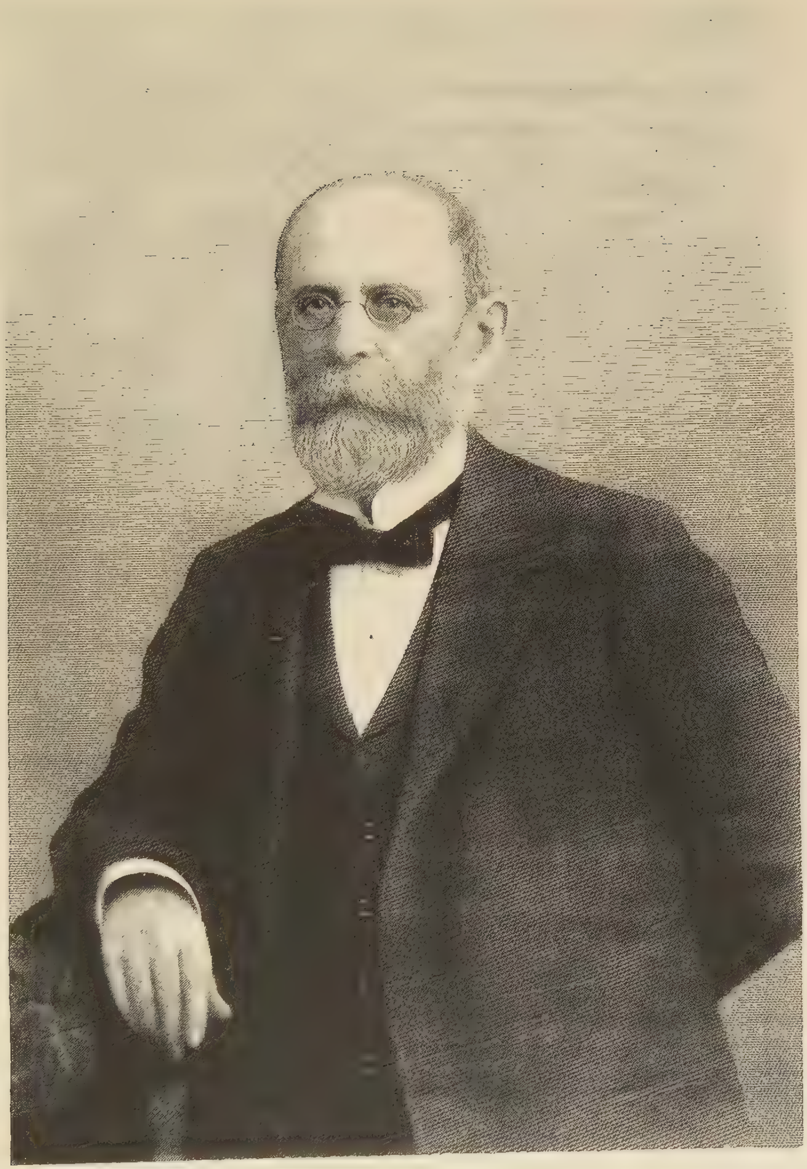
(IV) Orlo S. Knepper, son of Oliver (3) and Mary (Pugh) Knepper, entered the United States Naval Academy in 1891, and graduated in 1895. He was with the Dewey fleet as signal recorder for the boat "Concord," and was one of two to go aboard the captured Spanish ships at Manila Bay, to take the side arms from the crew. He resigned as lieutenant from the "West Virginia," September, 1905, and is now a business man in New York city. He was married in June, 1905. It might be added that he was with the "Maine" three years, and was only transferred from her a short time before her awful destruction.

(V) Robert O. Bosh, son of P. A. and Larha (Knepper) Bosh, when aged nineteen years, in 1904, also became a cadet in the United States navy.

(IV) Norman E. Knepper, son of Lieutenant Henry F. (3) and Margaret (Spangler) Knepper, was born in the borough of Somerset, Pennsylvania, September 27, 1862. He received a good common school education, and early in his life became a salesman in a store at Somerset, Pennsylvania, and from that steadily rose to be one of the proprietors, and has for many years been one of the leading dry goods and clothing men of the borough, and is now of the firm of Knepper & Good. Aside from his mercantile business, he has other financial interests and has been successful as an investor in coal lands in his native county. Politically Mr. Knepper is a Republican. August 28, 1891, he married Emma Weimer, daughter of John H. and Annie (Roberts) Weimer, of Somerset, Pennsylvania. By this union two children were born: Elizabeth, born November 23, 1893; Henry, Jr., February 22, 1899.

HON. WILLIAM HENRY KOONTZ.

Hon. William Henry Koontz, lawyer, legislator and statesman, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was born in that place when it was a mere hamlet, June 15, 1830. He came of sturdy German ancestry, and his family were among the first settlers of Somerset county, his grandfather, Samuel Koontz, removing thither from Lancaster county when the region to which he



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came was an almost unbroken wilderness. His maternal grandfather, Jacob Schneider, came from Germany.

He was brought up amid such surroundings as developed abilities and traits of character which peculiarly distinguished a type of manhood now all but extinct. The common schools of the day, well taught, though totally lacking in text-book equipment such as is now deemed indispensable, afforded him the rudiments of an education altogether insufficient for an active career. He had, however, a thirst for knowledge, and he read with avidity and clear understanding every book obtainable, and was fortunate in their being of real worth. It may here be noted that the first time he was ever in a college building was in 1880, when he delivered the commencement address at Lancaster. Determined upon a legal profession as his life work, he became a student in the law office of Forward & Stutzman, in Somerset, and was admitted to the bar in 1851, immediately upon attaining his majority. He at once entered upon practice, and in 1853 his abilities found recognition in his election to the position of district attorney of Somerset county, this marking the beginning of his public career, which was destined to be brilliant as well as highly useful. His advance in his profession was constant and substantial, and he can now look back with commendable pride upon more than a half century (fifty-five years, a most unusual period of activity) of industrious effort, during which he has been prominently connected with very many important trials in his county, and many in other portions of the state. A *cause celebre* with which his name is closely associated is that of the Nicely brothers, charged with murder, the case having run for about two years. General Koontz was one of the leading counsel for the defense, and, after following the case to its end before the courts, he, together with his associates, made the final plea before the Board of Pardons, and his argument, which related to the legal powers of that body, has from that day to the present been quoted and relied upon by the bar of the state.

It is, however, the public career of Mr. Koontz that principally claims attention. Formerly a Whig, in 1856, when that party was hopelessly disrupted, he became one of the organizing members of the new Republican party, and gave his hearty support to its first presidential candidate, John C. Fremont. In 1857 his popularity, his intense enthusiasm and his fiery oratory pointed to him as a leader in a desperate struggle, and he accepted the nomination of his party for the state senate. He was defeated at the polls, with his ticket, but he had added to his friends and further developed his splendid powers. He was a delegate to the famous Republican national convention in Chicago in 1860, and he was among the first to cast a ballot for Abraham Lincoln as a presidential candidate. In the same year he was nominated for prothonotary, and was elected, entering into the canvass with all his ability, warmly advocating the election of the great statesman whose mission it was to save the Union. In 1864 he was elected to congress from the district comprising the counties of Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams, and his course so commended him to his constituents that he was re-elected for the ensuing term. The years of his service in congress were among the most critical of the century. The Civil war was brought to an end, and then came up a problem without a precedent for its solution—that of reconstructing the old slave states. Throughout this trying period General Koontz's services were of the greatest value to the entire country. He maintained a dispassionate, logical, and judicial position, ably and exactly expressed by Vice President Wilson in his "History of the Reconstruction Measures:" "Mr. Koontz, of Pennsylvania, was for the protection of the people of the South who had been true to the Union, without regard to race or color," and the author quoted the following from one of General Koontz's speeches on the floor of congress:

"The great duty rests upon us to finish the work which has not been finished by warfare. The shackles of four millons of slaves were melted by the fierce fires of civil war, but the animus of slavery, its passions and prejudices, yet remain. It is our duty so to legislate as to remove the last relic of a barbarism that would have suited the dark ages; to conform our institutions to the advanced condition which will have been brought about by the revolution just ended, and when this shall be done, the great Republic, freed from the dark stain of human slavery, will start upon her mission to promulgate by precept and example, the immutable and eternal truth of the equality of men, and before whose resistless march kingdoms and powers and all systems built upon caste and creed for the oppression of men will be wiped from the face of the earth, and known no more forever."

During his congressional career, General Koontz attracted the attention of the country not only for his ability and earnestness, but for his oratorical powers. His speeches in favor of relief for the destitute of the South, and on the death of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, attracted widespread attention, and brought him generous commendation. He was also known as one of the most industrious members. He served upon various committees of great importance, including those on the District of Columbia, and Expenditures of the Interior Department; performed arduous labor in the construction of supplementary Reconstruction bills, and was conspicuous in the impeachment proceedings against President Johnson. His prominence, his abilities and his fine personal traits brought him into close association with the most distinguished men of the most dramatic and important period in the nation's history, and he was on familiar terms with Vice President Wilson, Thaddeus Stevens, Ben Wade, and others of giant intellect. Intense in his patriotism, unyielding in his advocacy of equal and exact justice to all, holding to the loftiest ideals of personal integrity in all public as well as in private concerns, his record was unsullied by a single act open to the least suspicion of self-seeking.

Mr. Koontz's reputation as an orator brought him into great request in the campaign years following his retirement from congress. Besides his frequent appearances in his own state, in 1875 he spoke in the Ohio campaign, and the following year in the same state and in Maryland. During the Garfield campaign he delivered addresses in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and his services were again called for in these states in 1884. In 1887 he again spoke in Ohio, and in the following years in various other states, in 1896 making a speaking tour of West Virginia.

His public services in his own state have been of inestimable value. He was a delegate in the convention which nominated General John W. Geary for governor, and his influence was potent in that great body. In 1898 he was elected to the state assembly, and in the first session introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate charges of bribery made against a number of representatives. He was made a member of the committee, whose work was one of the most important features of the session, and which had the effect of making legislative work for the remainder thereof more free from scandal than for many years previous. A writer of the period said concerning this investigation:

"Those who had the opportunity of hearing Mr. Koontz speak on the floor of the house during the last session of the legislature can fully testify to his power, and the high literary character of his speeches. His voice is peculiarly mellow and resonant, with not a strident note in any register. His words are well chosen, and his addresses under all circumstances are delivered with a grace of gesticulation that marks the orator. On the other hand, his ability to flay an opponent without departing from strict parliamentary language is quite as marked as his powers of persuasive address. No one who was present when Mr. Koontz appealed to the house the morning after the first bribery investigating committee had refused to examine witnesses and proceed regularly with the investigation, can forget the polished condemnation, sarcasm and invective of his remarks. The house sat breathless, and the three members of the committee who had incurred his wrath visibly winced under his castigation. His appeal was for fair play; for freedom to pursue the right course, in justice to the public; or, in default to grant this, his resignation as a member of the committee would immediately follow. It was not a covert assault. In the committee the night before, he had protested against the arbitrary action of the majority, and on their refusal to concede what he and the general public believed to be fair and honest, he delivered a phillippic, in which he served notice that he would appeal from the committee to the house. And he did. The castigation of machine men and measures that day had an effect so far-reaching that there is no telling even now where it will end. That speech of the member from Somerset commanded the reorganization of a machine-made committee, forced apart unwilling lips, unraveled the tangled threads of a shameless and criminal conspiracy, brought to light political secrets so vile that hardened politicians winced. Today, as a result of Mr. Koontz's appeal to the house in that memorable speech, without precedent in but one case in the legislative history of Pennsylvania, the courts have been appealed to to take cognizance of evils he helped to unveil.''

In this battle he stood alone, the only anti-Quay member of the committee, and, recognized for his ability, courage and independence, he became, perforce, a prime leader of the anti-Quay elements in the session of the legislature to which he was re-elected in 1890. He was placed in nomination for the speakership by the anti-Quay Republicans and Democrats, and, with the state organization against him, under the leadership of Senator Quay, came within one vote of an election. On the first ballot the vote was a tie, Mr. Koontz and his opponent each receiving one hundred votes. Before the second ballot was taken, one of the members supporting Mr. Koontz was taken from the chamber by the sergeant-at-arms, and, not returning in time to vote, Mr. Koontz was defeated. In this contest Senator Quay came nearer meeting his overthrow than at any time during the many years of his control of Pennsylvania politics. In thus strongly asserting himself, and leading an almost hopeless struggle against machine politics and ring rule, Mr. Koontz was inspired by no other consideration than devotion to the public interests, and to lofty ideals of citizenship and official probity and purity. His political creed could be read in an admirable address which he delivered on June 5, 1880, ''On American Politics,'' before the literary societies of Franklin and Marshall College. This was not only a brilliant literary effort, but it was remarkable in scope and purpose, based as it was upon his personal experience and observation, and had as one of its most picturesque and effective features a faithful depiction of the evils of machine politics which he was in later years to antagonize and lead in overthrowing. In 1906 he was the Fusion candidate for state senator for the district composed of the counties of Somerset, Bedford and Fulton; the election had not occurred when this volume was published.

Throughout his life, in his relations to his own community and in his personal life, General Koontz has ever been known as public-spirited in the best sense, liberal in his encouragement of all worthy enterprises, and helpful to the struggling, especially friendly to young men just entering upon the battle of life. He is largely interested in various important enterprises, and has large circles of acquaintances in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Washington. He is vice-president of the Somerset National Bank, and director in the Pittsburgh & Connellsville, Somerset & Cambria and Berlin railroads. His military title of general comes from his service with the volunteers of Pennsylvania, many years ago. He was married, in 1859, to Miss Matilda S. Johnson. He resides in a beautiful home in Union street, Somerset. Many distinguished persons have there been his guests, among them President McKinley, Secretary of War Alger, Attorney General (U. S.) McKenna, Hon. J. S. Black, who was chief justice of Pennsylvania, and Attorney General and Secretary of State in President Buchanan's cabinet; Governors Hoyt and Hartranft, of Pennsylvania; Governor Lowndes, of Maryland, and many judges of the courts in western Pennsylvania; John W. Garrett, and his son Robert Garrett, both of whom were presidents of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, as well as other superintendents of said company; J. G. Harvey, president of the Western Bank of Baltimore, and several prominent bankers and business men of that city; Galusha A. Grow and numerous other prominent politicians of the state.

THE HAY FAMILY.

The Hay family of Somerset county was founded in this country by Simon Hay, who was born in Germany, April 18, 1742, and when nineteen or twenty years of age emigrated from Zwei-Bricken, Germany, accompanied by his two elder brothers, one of whom settled near Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, then a vast wilderness, and the other one in what has since become the state of Kentucky, and settled there. Simon remained for several years in Hagerstown, Maryland, working at his trade as a weaver. While residing there he married Anna Mary Shaver, some of whose connections are now living in and about Freedens, Somerset county.

Simon Hay came to Somerset county, then a part of Bedford county, in the year 1767-68, and settled on a farm now owned by S. S. Hay, about five miles southwest of Berlin. He put up a tent under a big white oak tree without a foot of cleared land, and went bravely to work to hew out a farm from the forest about him. At first he and his family subsisted on wild animals' meat and potatoes. In those days deer were plenty and as many as thirty to thirty-five were often seen in a drove. In after years he frequently made trips to Hagerstown, on horseback, a hundred miles away, to fetch salt and a little flour for the children. On several occasions Indians made their appearance at his home on their way to Fort Bedford, but never did any violence nor molested himself or his family.

Simon Hay and his wife, Anna Mary (Shaver) Hay, were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters. The names of the sons were: Michael, who settled one mile north of Lavansville, Somerset county. Jacob, who settled on the farm where Wellersburg is now located, but who afterward removed to what is now the state of Ohio. Valentine, who became the owner of what was then the home farm, and now called Hay's Mill. (Grandfather Hay built the stone house in 1798, which at this time is in a splendid state of preservation, the second mill he built is still standing there and is being profitably conducted. He since built a fulling and carding mill. His was the first grist mill, perhaps, in this county.) George, settled on the farm now owned by Henry G. Hay, three-fourths of a mile west of Hay's mill. Peter, settled on the farm where his father, Simon Hay, had put up his tent under the big white oak tree. Of the daughters, Mary married Jacob Young, and then settled on a farm one and one-half miles north of Lavansville. Susannah married Jacob Baker and then settled in Ohio, in what is now Holmes county. Elizabeth married George Weller, grandfather of ex-County Superintendent John Weller, and late a member of the Pennsylvania legislature from Somerset county; they settled on the farm that her brother, Jacob Hay, had settled, which is now occupied by Wellersburg borough; the place got its name from the Weller family. Catherine married Samuel Miller and then settled in Addison township, where their son William now resides, and who is one of the great cattle dealers of the south of Somerset county. Eva married George Gephart and then settled on a farm one mile east of New Centerville, in Midford township, upon which the village of Gepharts is now located. They were the parents of Simon Gephart, the Dayton (Ohio) banker.

After the death of his wife, which occurred in the stone house at Hay's mill, at the age of sixty-three years, five months and six days, Simon Hay made his home with his son Valentine, who carried on the farm and mill. Valentine Hay died at the age of fifty-two years, after which his father, Simon Hay, made his home with his son, Peter Simon Hay. For the last two years of his life Simon Hay suffered from cancer in the breast which caused his death. He was pleasant in his conversation and cheerful to the last, notwithstanding his physical ailment. He died February 3, 1842, aged ninety-nine years, nine months and fifteen days.

Peter Simon Hay, son of Simon and Anna Mary (Shaver) Hay, was a life-long resident of Brothers Valley township, and his active years were spent on the farm formerly the property of his father. He married Elizabeth Walker, who was born in Brothers Valley township, and ten children were born to them, namely: David, Michael, Philip, Peter S., Valentine, Susan, who became the wife of Samuel Walker; Mary, who became the wife of Moses Young; Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Rink; Catherine, who became the wife of Fredrick Weller; and Caroline, who became the wife of Samuel M. Saylor.

David Hay was born September 3, 1814, and died April 14, 1878. He was married twice. His first wife was Mary Cook, daughter of Jacob Cook, of Southampton township. With her he had two children, viz.: William H., of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, and Calvin T., of Salisbury, Pennsylvania. His second wife was Mary, a daughter of John Rauch, of Brothers Valley township. With her he had one child, Norman D., of Elk Lick. David Hay was one of nature's noblemen. He was a large-hearted and public-spirited man. He had a word of encouragement and gave a helping hand to every good enterprise, and to every person deserving of sympathy and moral and material aid. In 1857 he was elected a member of the Pennsylvania house of representatives and served his constituents well in the session of 1858-59.

Michael Hay was born January 12, 1817, and died November 19, 1888. He was married three times. His first wife was Mary, a daughter of Jacob Olinger, of Summit township, with whom he had two children, one of whom survives, viz.: Josiah M., of Akron, Ohio. His second wife was a Miss Augustine, of Addison township, and his third wife was Rachel Glotfelty, a daughter of Jacob Glotfelty, of Salisbury borough. He had no children with the last two wives. He was a man of great physical endurance, and followed farming until he was about thirty-five years of age, and during this time he was a hard-working man. Later, he was engaged in merchandising as a partner of his brother, Peter S., and during the last twenty years of his life was a large real estate dealer, bought and sold large bodies of coal land. He held the office of justice of the peace whilst living on the farm in Elk Lick township. It was during his administration that Henry Baughman secretly murdered his son, and he was the leading spirit in ferreting out the crime and bringing the criminal to justice. He was a man of good judgment and a thoroughgoing man. Whatever he undertook to do he did with all his might. At an early age he united with the Reformed church, and continued a faithful and consistent member until his death.

Philip Hay was born April 3, 1819. He was married to Anna Olinger, a daughter of Jacob Olinger, and they had eleven children, two of whom, Ellen and Mark, died in infancy. Nine survive, six sons and three daughters viz.: William P., former county commissioner; Hiram P., Sylvester S., Simon Peter, Ephraim P., Luke, Melinda, wife of Milliard Walker; Clara, wife of Wilson E. Walker; and Sarah, wife of Lewis Berkley. Philip Hay was a man of remarkable energy and endurance. He resided on the old homstead all his life, engaged in active farm life until the last ten years of his life, when he sold his farm to his son Sylvester. He was a conservative man, but enthusiastic in all he undertook, whether it pertained to matters of business or religion. He was not a pessimist, but was an optimist, believing that success in any good cause would crown well directed energetic and persistent work. He was kind and indulgent to the members of his family. He had a word of cheer for everyone who tried to do his duty, and the young people of the neighborhood were the objects of his tenderest solicitude, and his earnest words of advice and encouragement will be remembered all their lifetime. He was a true Christian man, and died peacefully as he lived, on August 15, 1901.

Peter S. Hay was born in Brothers Valley township, August 8, 1832. He acquired a common school education, and taught one term of school in Jenner township. He worked on the farm until he was about eighteen years of age, and then entered the store of Samuel Walker, at Lavansville, where he remained about two years. In 1853 he commenced the mercantile business on his own account in Salisbury, and continued until the date of his death in 1903, either by himself or in partnership with his brother Michael under the firm name of Hay & Brother, and later with Josiah M. Hay, his nephew, in the name of Hay & Co. From 1871 to 1903 the business was carried on in his own name. He also dealt largely in real estate. He was a shrewd, conservative business man, and his judgment was sought by the best of business men, and no enterprise of any magnitude was undertaken in his community without first getting his opinion. He was a conscientious Christian man, universally esteemed by all who personally knew him. He was a liberal supporter of the Reformed church, with which he was identified from early youth. All worthy and charitable objects received hearty aid and sympathy at his hands. On January 5, 1854, he was married to Elizabeth Diveley, a daughter of Michael Diveley, of Salisbury. They had seven children, three of whom died in infancy; four survive, viz: Harvey, Morris Russel, Jennie, wife of Dr. A. M. Lichty, of Salisbury, and George C. Harvey has been made the candidate of the Democratic and the Independent Republican parties for the house of representatives of Pennsylvania. Peter S. Hay died March 4, 1903.

Valentine Hay was born October 17, 1834, in Brothers Valley township. His father died when he was ten years of age, and he worked for his brothers, Michael and Philip, until he was eighteen years of age on the farm. He taught school during three annual sessions. In 1853 he attended the academy established by the Everhart brothers in Berlin. In 1854 he entered Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, and in June, 1857, he graduated with the degree of A. B. During the three months' summer vacation in 1856 he commenced reading law in the office of William J. and Herman L. Baer, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, and after graduating at college he applied himself closely to the study of the law and was admitted to the bar April 28, 1858, and has been in continued practice for forty-eight years. From January 1, 1863, to July 1, 1867, in connection with his law practice he was the editor and proprietor of the *Somerset Democrat.* His contention was that the fire-eaters of the south and the redhot Abolitionists of the north—the extremists of both sections, who numbered but a corporal's guard compared with the entire population—were responsible for the condition of affairs that plunged the country into a fratricidal civil war, and if the proper effort had been made and at the proper time by the powers in being, the civil war could have been averted. And while the war was being waged he condemned the partisan prejudices that drove the best generals from the field and supplanted them by incompetent, blundering officers, that brought repeated disaster to our arms and protracted the war unnecessarily and multiplied the horrors and sacrifices of the war. On April 11, 1865, he was married to Elizabeth A. Weimer, the daughter of Dr. John Weimer, of Akron, Ohio, and they had one child born to them, July 19, 1867, Leora Carter, who was married to J. R. Nutt, October 8, 1890, and to whom was born a son, Robert H. Nutt, September, 1894. They reside in Cleveland, Ohio. The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon him by Heidelberg University, his *alma mater*, in June, 1906.

Mary Hay was the oldest daughter of Peter S. Hay and was born October 23, 1821. She was married to Mose Young and lived most of her married life on a farm one mile north of Lavansville. They had five children; one of them, Austin, died June 2, 1891; four are living, viz: S. P. Young, of Salisbury; Ellen, wife of Aaron F. Bittner; Binnie, wife of Jefferson Will; and Lavan Young, resides in Lavansville. Moses Young died June 12, 1897, aged eighty-one years, two months and twelve days. Mrs. Young died March 26, 1905, aged eighty-three years, five months and three days.

Susan Hay was the next oldest daughter and was born February 10, 1824. She was married to Samuel Walker, who in 1885 was elected associate judge and served in that capacity until his death in October, 1888. They had five children, two dead and three living, viz.: Binnie S., wife of James Tipton; Mary and Elizabeth, unmarried, and living with their mother.

Elizabeth Hay was born February 27, 1826. She married John Rink and they lived on a farm in Jenner township for nearly fifty years. They had four children, three of whom are living, viz: William H., of Johnstown; Ella and Milton Rink. Mrs. Rink is now living with her son. She is a kind-hearted, Christian woman.

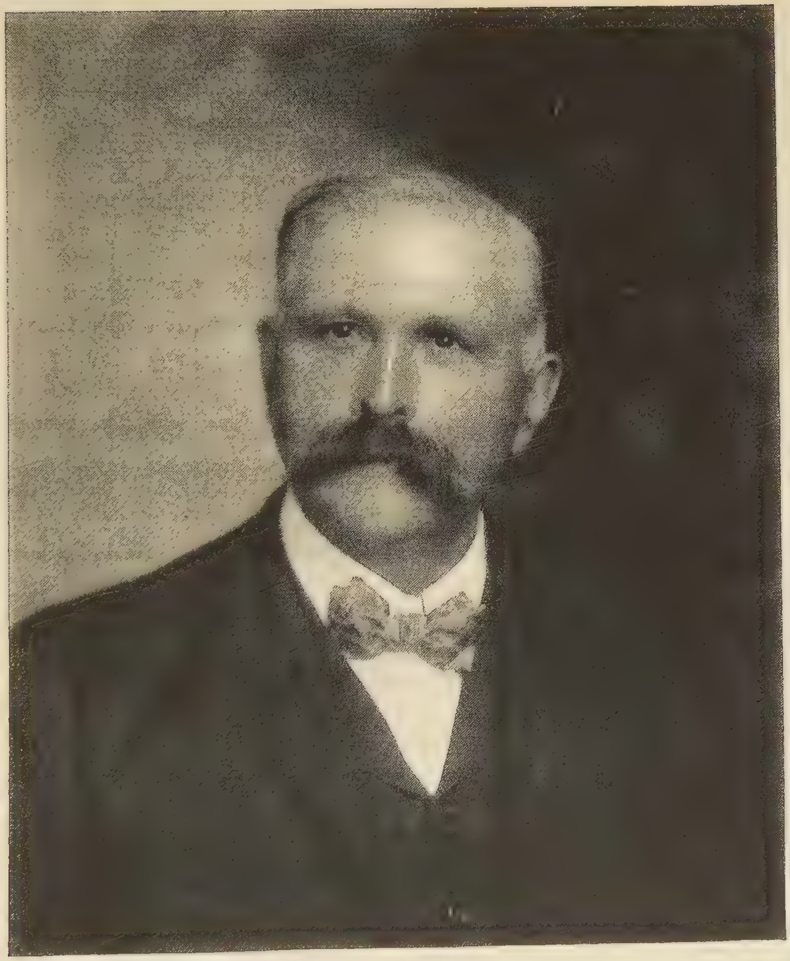
Catherine Hay was born August 3, 1828, was married to Frederick Weller, and they resided together in the Weller homestead, two miles north of Somerset, for nearly sixty years. Their family consists of three sons and three daughters: Cecilla, married Alexander Nichelson; Agnus, married Frank Musser; and Louisa, married Noah Meyers. The three sons are at home.

Caroline Hay was born July 8, 1840, was married to Samuel M. Saylor, and now lives on a farm one and one-half miles from Somerset. They have six children; two of them, Peter and Calvin, are married and live on the farm, and the two other sons are single and live at home. They had two daughters, Sarah, who was married to John Bowman, but is now deceased, and Carrie, who is single and lives at home.

ALBERT E. RAYMAN.

Albert E. Rayman, an expert surveyor of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Stony Creek township, August 24, 1854, a son of George G. and Nancy (Good) Rayman. He is of German origin.

Godleib Rayman (great-grandfather) was the founder of the family in this country. He was a native of Germany, born in 1747, and came to the United States, settling in Berks county, Pennsylvania, whence he removed to what was then Bedford county, in 1773, settling in what is still known as the Glades,



Yours Truly

A. E. Rayman

Stony Creek township, Somerset county. He was a tailor by trade, and also made long strides along the line of agriculture, clearing the dense forest and establishing farms for his children. Like all the inhabitants of the country at that period, he spent much of his time in fishing and hunting, the country then abounding in game, such as deer, bear, wolves, etc., and it has been said that he wore garments made of deer skin. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and active and prominent in all church work. His children were five in number, viz: Charles, John, George, Elizabeth, married John Shank; and Anna, married Peter Switzer.

George Rayman (grandfather) was born in 1768 and died in 1834. He and his wife, Elizabeth Rayman, located in Shade township, keeping house under an oak tree until a log house was built for a home. Industry was one of the marked characteristics of Mr. Rayman, and during his first year of married life he cleared eight acres of land in the hitherto unbroken wilderness. In church connections they were Lutherans, having become members of this church when very young, and they worked earnestly and untiringly for the promotion of its principles. They became the parents of eleven children, all of whom are now deceased, namely: Mary, married a Mr. Hartman, and removed to Illinois; John, married a Miss Beachly, and they made their home in Somerset; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Fritz; they lived in Somerset; Susanna, deceased; Henry, married ——————, and they lived in Somerset county; George, of whom later; Samuel, married a Miss Beachy, and they resided in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where their death occurred; Jacob, married Elizabeth Fike, and lived in Stony Creek township; Joseph, went to the west when fifty years of age, and married and died there; Sarah, became the wife of Jacob Weigle, and lived in Stony Creek township; Lydia, married John H. Snyder; they made their home with Mrs. Snyder's father, George Rayman. The entire family affiliated with the Lutheran church with the exception of Jacob, who belonged to the Dunkards.

George G. Rayman (father) was born in Stony Creek township. Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and was a farmer by occupation. In 1831 he married Nancy Good, who was also a native of Somerset county. The country at that time was very sparsely populated, and after their marriage the young couple located on a tract of land which Mr. Rayman had purchased. It was thickly covered with timber, and in an unimproved, uncultivated condition. Mr. Rayman erected a log cabin, into which they moved before it was completed, having neither windows nor doors, and with only about half of an acre of land cleared around it. Wild animals roamed at will through the country at that time, and Mrs. Rayman has related that at times she was unable to sleep, owing to the howling of the wolves and bears outside. During their residence there they cleared and improved two hundred acres of land. The original log cabin subsequently gave way to a modern two-story dwelling house, with six large rooms, and a bank barn 45x100 feet. They were fairly well educated in the English and German languages, and were Lutherans in their religious faith. They both worked earnestly toward the furtherance of the doctrines of the church, and were sincere in all mission work. In politics Mr. Rayman affiliated with the Republican party, and served at various times as school director and tax collector. He was an industrious, energetic citizen, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Rayman were the parents of children as follows: 1. Susanna, born 1834, married C. A. Brant, who was engaged in the mercantile business in Shanksville until a few years ago, when he sold out to his sons, and has since lived a retired life. 2. Jacob, born 1836, married Sally Rights; he was a farmer by occupation, being actively engaged in this work until the spring of 1905, when he sold his farm to his son and retired. 3. Cyrus, born 1838, married Lavinia Coleman; he was a farmer, and died in 1896. 4. Noah, born 1840, married Mary Coleman, and was a farmer by occupation, having lived on his father's farm. He died in 1902. 5. David, born June 24, 1842, enlisted August 8, 1862, Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. He contracted typhoid fever, and died in the hospital at Sharpsburg, October 20, 1862. 6. Sarah, born 1844, married W. H. Barnhart, a school teacher of Somerset county, and who served in the Civil war for three years. They lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. 7. Elizabeth, born 1846, died in infancy. 8. Edward, born 1849, died in infancy. 9. Albert E., of whom later. All these children of George G. Rayman were active, earnest workers in the Lutheran church, where they held many of the official positions, except Jacob, who was a loyal German Baptist. The death of George C. Rayman occurred in 1857, and that of his wife in 1866.

Albert E. Rayman was educated in the common and high schools of Somerset county, and was engaged for six terms in teaching in the county schools. He then was engaged for some years in farming in summer and teaching in the winter months, and in the year 1884 took a course in surveying and engineering, and has since followed this profession. For the past ten years he has been engaged in farming, mine surveying, and has dealt very extensively in coal lands, his last deal being culminated in June, 1905, when he sold one thousand acres of coal lands, situated in Brothers Valley and Stony Creek townships, to E. J. Berwin, of the Berwin & White Coal Company. In the practice of his profession of surveyor, Mr. Rayman often came in contact with farmers who disagreed as to the boundary of their lands, but he has had very little trouble in adjusting these matters, owing to the fact that he is looked upon as an expert engineer, and one whose opinion can always be relied upon. Mr. Rayman recalls an instance when he was called upon by the court to fix the boundary between Allegheny and Fair Hope townships, which was then in dispute. Requesting the citizens to show him a corner, he was conducted to a stoneheap, which they said was recognized by both townships as a corner, and, setting his instrument up over the stoneheap, started on the survey, which he completed in two days. Although the lines he ran did not accord exactly with the opinion of the inhabitants of the township, his decision was accepted, and the dispute was settled with satisfaction to all. He has been frequently called upon as a witness in court. On one occasion a case was tried between a limestone company and a coal company, where the former had a draft in evidence and three engineers to testify to it, which so greatly differed from the draft produced by Mr. Rayman, in the interest of the coal company, that the counsel for the coal company feared lest the case be lost. When Mr. Rayman was given an opportunity to explain his case on the witness stand, he did so very satisfactorily and came out victorious.

In political relations Mr. Rayman accords allegiance to the Republican party, and works actively and untiringly in the interests of that organization. He is a member of the Friedens Evangelical Lutheran church. He was a member of the church council for nine years in succession, founded what was known as the Zerfoss Sunday-school, of which he was superintendent for a number of years, until it changed to the Mispah Sunday-school. He was superintendent of this also for one year, and was always a liberal contributor to all benevolent enterprises. Fraternally Mr. Rayman is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

He married, April 5, 1874, Kate Trent, a daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Will) Trent, who were the parents of children as follows: Julia, deceased; Charles, who served in the war of the rebellion; James, William, Kate, Mary, Alexander, Edward, Josiah and Sarah, all now living in Somerset, excepting Sarah, who married J. F. Blakeney, a printer, and they live in Greensburg, Westmoreland county. All of the sons are farmers by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Rayman have children as follows: Minerva C., born March 17, 1875; Lollie G., February 27, 1879; Cordie B., February 19, 1884; Webster H., March 4, 1887, all born in Stony Creek township. Of these children Minerva C. is the wife of Irvin J. Schrock, a farmer of Somerset township; Lollie G. is married to Harvey J. Fritz, miner, Somerset township, and Cordie B. and Webster H. still reside at home. All are well educated.

HARVEY SCHROCK.

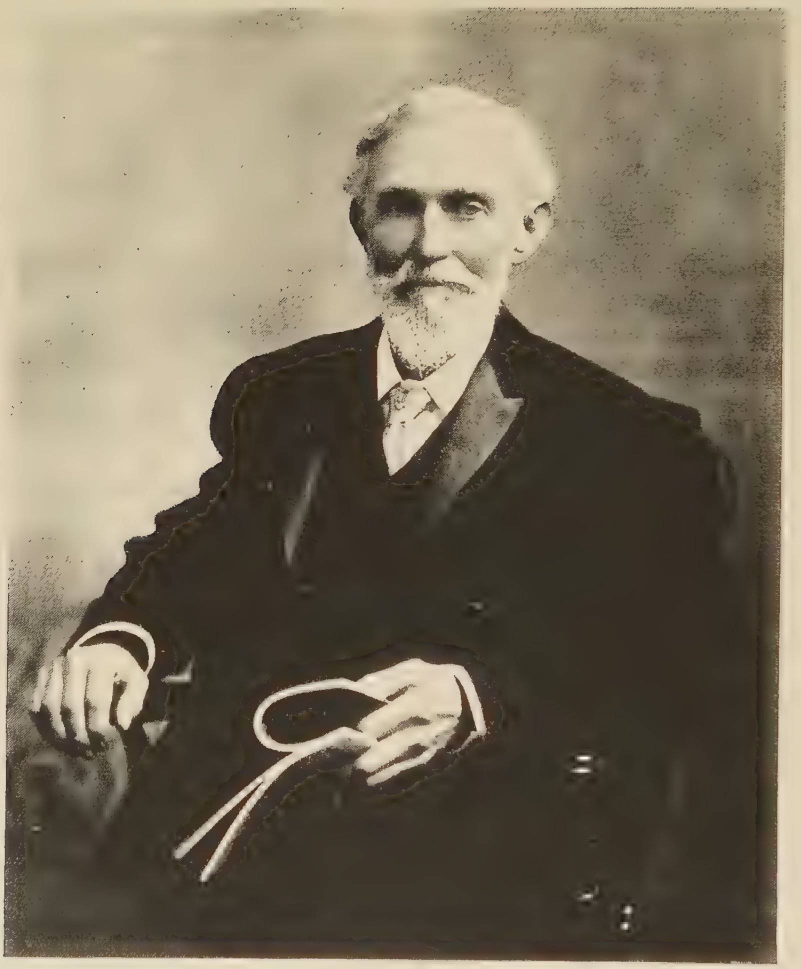
Harvey Schrock, the highly efficient and trustworthy steward of the "Somerset County Home" and superintendent of the County Hospital, is a native of Somerset county, descended through the following line from Germany:

(I) Christian Schrock, born in Germany, emigrated to Pennsylvania and first settled in some one of the extreme eastern counties, but subsequently removed to and became one of the early pioneers of Brothers Valley, Somerset county. The name of his wife was Fanny. Among their children was one son named Jacob C. Schrock. Christian Schrock and family entered the wild forests and cleared up land and made for themselves a comfortable home. He died very suddenly.

(II) Jacob C. Schrock, son of Christian and Fanny Schrock, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and died September 26, 1887. He was a farmer. He married Catharine Horner, a native of Somerset county, born 1815, died November 3, 1891. They were the parents of four sons and five daughters: Joseph, deceased; George J., now living at the borough of Somerset, John, Israel J., Mary, married Daniel Bechley and lives at Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Sally, married John F. Rayman; Peggy, married J. J. Rayman; Annie, married William Platt, and is now deceased; Kate, married E. Blouch.

(III) George J. Schrock, son of Jacob C. and Catharine (Horner) Schrock, born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, received a good common school education and followed farming until 1889, when he removed to the borough of Somerset, where he leads a retired life. He married (first) Susan Musser, daughter of Jacob Musser and wife, by whom were born two children—Harvey, of whom later, and Ida, wife of H. H. Hay. The mother died in 1864 and for his second wife Mr. Schrock married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel S. Meyers and wife, of Berlin, Pennsylvania. By this union three children were born: Alice, Ada, married Gilbert Cober; Meyers L., married Olie Yoder. Politically George J. Schrock is a Republican and in his church faith adheres to that of the Dunkards.

(IV) Harvey Schrock, son of George J. and Susan (Musser) Schrock, born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1862, received a good education in the schools of his native county, and followed the independent life of a farmer until he accepted his present official



Wm. M. Schrock

position. In 1892 he moved from his native township to the farm of one hundred and twenty-three acres he still holds, and which is located about two miles from Somerset borough, adjoining the "County Farm." In April, 1904, he took his present place as steward and hospital supreintendent of the County Home, having been elected by the poor directors. He is well qualified to manage this institution, which has on an average of one hundred and eight inmates, seventy-five of whom are insane subjects, composed of twenty-eight females and forty-seven males, which require great care and skill to properly manage. The farm of three hundred and forty-seven acres which belongs to the county has to be managed by Mr. Schrock, as well. He still owns his farm, which is well improved. Mr. Schrock is a Republican and in church relations a Dunkard.

He married (first), September 17, 1882, Lizzie Sebits, daughter of Abraham Sebits and wife, by whom two children were born: Albert H., 1883; Lizzie E., 1884. The mother died October 3, 1884. For his second wife Mr. Schrock married Susan Lands, daughter of Abraham G. and Harriet (Speicher) Lands. By this union two children have been born: Mabel H., February, 1888; and Earl A., August 16, 1893. Both Abraham Sebits and Abraham Lands, fathers-in-law of Mr. Schrock, served in the Union army in the rebellion.

WILLIAM M. SCHROCK.

William M. Schrock, a prominent and widely known citizen of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, former proprietor and editor of the *Somerset Standard*, who rendered signal service to the government during the Civil war, and who is at present engineer and superintendent of the work of constructing the bridges in Somerset county, traces his descent to ancestors who had for their home the beautiful country of Switzerland.

(I) ———— Schrock, the great-grandfather of William M. Schrock and the founder of the family in this country, was the holder of a prominent political office under the then ruling power in Switzerland, Europe, about the year 1700. Owing to political changes in the government he and his family were banished from the country, and they found a safe refuge in Holland. In the short period of three months, they were obliged to dispose of all their property in Switzerland—real estate holdings as well as personal property—and this they were obliged to do at a great sacrifice. They made their home in Holland for three years and then emigrated to America, and established themselves in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Here they concluded to make their permanent home, and settled down to farming pursuits.

(II) John Schrock, son of ———— Schrock (1), the founder of the family in America, was born in 1754. He with one of his half-brothers migrated to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in or about 1765, and settled in the vicinity of Berlin. He received what was considered a good education in those days, attending the subscription schools of the district. This education was principally conducted in German. He was a member of the Mennonite church, and followed the occupation of farming until his death, which occurred in 1813. John Schrock was the father of four sons and five daughters, whose combined ages aggregated seven hundred and seventy-five years, none having died less than fifty-eight years old, and one having attained the ripe age of ninety-four years.

There are at the present time (1906) about eighty male descendants of voting age, who trace their ancestry back to these two half-brothers. These live in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and fully as many more have migrated to other places. They have representatives in all professions and occupations. The name was originally spelled Schrack.

(III) Aaron Schrock, youngest son of John Schrock (2), was born near Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1805. His education was an excellent one, being conducted in both German and English, and at the proper time he was apprenticed to a blacksmith to learn a trade which was in great demand in those days. He became an expert in this as also in the manufacture of fine edge tools, for which his reputation was unsurpassed. He was always ready to take his full share of responsibility in conducting the affairs of his town or the country at large, and was for fifteen years a justice of the peace, was captain of a home military company, and held many minor offices. His political opinions were those of the Whig party, and later those of the Republicans. His religion was that of the Disciples or Christian church. He married, May 15, 1825, Catherine Meyers, born near Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1805, died December 14, 1840, daughter of Christian Meyers, who was of German descent and a farmer. Mr. Meyers was one of the German Baptist Brethren or Dunkards. Aaron and Catherine (Meyers) Schrock were the parents of four children: 1. Caroline, died at the age of sixty-five years; 2. Edward, born October 8, 1828, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, resided there fifty years. He taught school at the age of eighteen years, and then engaged in mercantile pursuits for the greater part of the time of his residence there. He was a representative for Somerset county in the legislature for two terms, and prothonotary for one term. He held two commissions in the army during the Civil war, one as captain and one as major. At present (1906) he is a resident of Seattle, Washington. 3. Amos, born February 29, 1832, was a manufacturer of and dealer in house furniture in Chicago for the greater part of his life. He died at the age of seventy-three years. He also held two commissions during the Civil war, as an army officer. 4. William M. Schrock, see forward.

(IV) William M. Schrock, youngest child and son of Aaron (3) and Catherine (Meyers) Schrock, was born in Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, August 19, 1837. He was educated in the public schools of his native township, and in addition had the benefit of six months' attendance at a collegiate institute in Somerset, Pennsylvania. At the early age of sixteen years he commenced to teach in the public schools, and assisted his father on the farm and in the blacksmith shop until he was eighteen years of age. He then obtained a position in a country store, and a year later, early in 1859, went with four companions to the west. They started with a three-yoke ox team and a supply of provisions to last them six months. They crossed the plains, then known as the Great American desert, in search of gold at Pike's Peak. In this search they were as unsuccessful as so many thousands of others, and Mr. Schrock returned to Somerset later in the same year, a bankrupt in money and worldly goods, but rich in experience and knowledge of the then wild west. The exposure, suffering and misery of hundreds of people were heart-rending in the extreme. He again took up the work of a clerk in a store. Later, in 1870, with his eldest brother, Edward, he established the *Somerset Standard,* a paper which enjoyed a considerable amount of popularity and influence. Later it was merged with another newspaper. In 1894, in connection with his son-in-law, John A. Lambert, he again established and began the publication of the *Somerset Standard,* and a few years later withdrew from this, leaving his son-in-law to continue the publication. Mr. Schrock has served his country and town in various capacities. He was for six years clerk for the county commissioners, and has always taken an active interest in all movements that tended to the welfare of the community. He is a civil engineer and for almost twenty-five years has been the engineer and superintendent for the construction of bridges in the county.

Mr. Schrock's military career is one of which any man may well be proud. In 1863, when the president issued his call for volunteers for the period of six months, Mr. Schrock recruited a company of eighty men, rank and file, at New Centreville, in seven days, and tendered their services to the government. On June 24th a United States mustering officer appeared at New Centreville, the rendezvous, and duly mustered this company into the United States service. This was the only company mustered in by a regular United States muster officer in Somerset county during the course of the Civil war. The company remained at New Centreville, without arms or uniforms, until July 6th, when it was ordered to Berlin, arms having been secured at the county seat. Public raids were feared from Maryland, and on July 9th the company was ordered to Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, where a large number of troops had been assembled under the command of Colonel Miles. A few weeks later camp was broken and all troops were sent away except the company from Somerset county, which was retained to do provost duty during a draft. On August 31st the captain, second lieutenant and sixteen privates were drafted for three years' service. A few days later the company was ordered to Harrisburg, and then to Gettysburg, where they guarded the field hospital on the battlefield until it was dispensed with in the latter part of October. This company was also in active service at Lewisburg, Sunbury and Selins Grove. From December 11, 1863, until January 8, 1864, the Somerset company was in charge of the Soldiers' Retreat at Harrisburg, where frequently rations were provided for from five hundred to one thousand soldiers who dropped off from trains at meal times. The company was mustered out January 8, 1864. During the month of August, 1864, Mr. Schrock again assisted in recruiting a company, this time of one hundred men, and was chosen captain, on arriving at the place of rendezvous, which was at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Here an artillery regiment which was in process of formation lacked a company with the requisite number of men, one hundred and forty-four. A veteran officer had forty men under his charge and expressed his willingness to join forces with Captain Schrock's company if the captaincy were given to him. Mr. Schrock resigned his command in favor of this veteran, and accepted a lieutenancy in the same company. Soon after reaching the fortifications at Washington, where the regiment had been ordered, Mr. Schrock succumbed to the strain of his overwork, and was stricken with fever and sent to the hospital, where he was obliged to remain for two months, and was finally discharged from the Georgetown Seminary Hospital as being incapacitated for further active service. This was January 2, 1865. Mr. Schrock is a member of the R. P. Cummins Post No. 210, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania, of which he has been adjutant for ten years, and has been commander. He is a member of the Christian or Disciple church, and deservedly esteemed and respected by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Schrock married, December 10, 1859, in Somerset county, Mary E. Foy, daughter of George and Catherine Foy. She was educated in the public schools, and taught in them from the age of sixteen until she was twenty years old. George Foy, Mrs. Schrock's father, was a Methodist minister; her mother the daughter of a farmer, Martin Shank, who migrated when a boy from Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, about the year 1800. George Foy, Mrs. Schrock's grandfather, came to Somerset county from Greencastle, Pennsylvania. He served one term as prothonotary of Somerset county, and was engaged for many years in the mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Schrock are the parents of nine children: 1. Clora J., born September 11, 1860, married Thomas Barnett, died August, 1902. 2. Ellie (twin), born March 3, 1862, married Dr. C. A. Lutz, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who was a physician on the Aleutian islands for several years for the Alaska Commercial Company, and for a number of years on a steamer plying between San Francisco and China. 3. Carrie (twin), born March 3, 1862, married John A. Lambert, editor of the *Somerset Standard*. 4. Aaron F., born in Somerset county, May 16, 1865, editor of daily and weekly newspaper in Defiance, Ohio, died in 1899. 5. Julia M., born February 21, 1867, married C. W. Staniford, of New York, engineer-in-chief of the docks and ferries in that city. 6. Minnie (twin), born December 6, 1868, married E. O. Hostetler, merchant tailor. 7. Lillie (twin), born December 6, 1868, died in infancy. 8. Susan, born January 13, 1873, married C. A. Walker, attorney-at-law, Somerset, Pennsylvania. 9. Foy, born December 26, 1878, died at the age of five years.

REV. DANIEL H. WALKER.

The family of which Rev. Daniel H. Walker, of Somerset, pastor of the German Baptist Brethren church, is a representative, was founded in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, by his great-grandfather, ——— Walker, who came from Wittenberg, Germany, about the year 1777. His son, Peter Walker (grandfather), was born near Pine Hill, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and followed farming as a means of livelihood. His son, Daniel P. W. Walker (father), was born in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was a farmer, teacher and preacher, married Elizabeth Horner, and their children were as follows: Sarah, Dinah, Rebecca, Cyrus H., Carlotta, William H., Elizabeth and Daniel H. Walker.

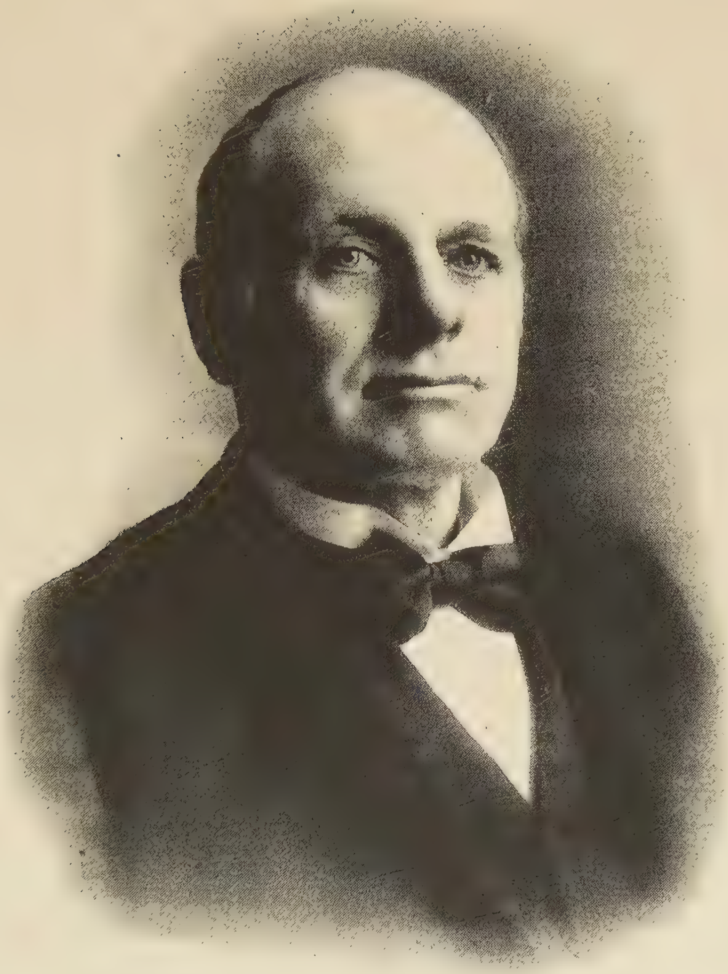
Daniel H. Walker was born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1850. His early studies were pursued in the common schools adjacent to his home, and the knowledge thus obtained was supplemented by attendance at the Berlin Normal School. He first turned his attention to the vocation of teaching, filling this position for five terms, after which he engaged in farming and stock raising, continuing the same up to the present time. He also serves in the capacity of minister of the German Baptist Brethren church, and throughout the community is highly honored and respected by all who have the honor of his acquaintance. He has charge of the Brothers Valley congregation, consisting of about two hundred and seventy-five members.

Rev. Mr. Walker married, December 10, 1868, Mary A. Knepper, born June 9, 1850, died June 15, 1883, daughter of Lewis J. and Magdalene Knepper. Their children are as follows: William P., superintendent of a telephone company in Cedar Falls, Iowa; he married Sophia Graff and they are the parents of two children, Edna and John D. Miller L., married Kate Walker; issue, Harold and Pauline. Ira D., unmarried, serves as cashier of the Berlin Bank. Galen K., unmarried, principal of the Berlin high school. On July 3, 1884, Mr. Walker married for his second wife Ella R. Knepper, born March 12, 1840, near Berlin, Pennsylvania, daughter of Lewis J. and Magdalene Knepper. Their children are as follows: Dillie V., wife of Mahlon S. Reiman and mother of two children, Ralph and Ruth. Clara E., wife of Norman Miller, resides at Mt. Morris, Illinois. Emma E., wife of George S. Reiman and mother of one child, Gay. Myrl J., resides at home and follows farming. Mary, Charlotte, Alma and April May, all of whom reside at home.

WILLIAM HENRY RUPPEL.

William H. Ruppel, whose career as a lawyer has been distinguished by sterling character, a display of comprehensive knowledge of the law and a steady devotion to the best interests of his clients, and who has achieved the highest success at the bar of Somerset county, was born at Frostburg, Maryland, May 13, 1849, a son of Christian and Mary (Holtsieder) Ruppel. Christian Ruppel was a native of Germany, from whence he came to the United States about the year 1841. The family resided in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, but was temporarily living in Maryland when William Henry was born. His mother, who was a daughter of Frederick Holtsieder, died when her baby was three months old and the child was then taken to Somerset county and brought up at Wellersburg.

William H. Ruppel first attended the common schools, and later was a student in normal schools and was under private tutors. For thirteen terms he served in the capacity of teacher, spending the time in Mineral county, West Virginia, and in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, his last school having been located in Berlin, Somerset county. He then became a student in the law office of General Coffroth and was admitted to prac-



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tice November 26, 1872. He at once formed a partnership with Mr. Coffroth, which has continued until the present time. The firm occupies two large offices on the main street in the town of Somerset, which are heated with hot water, lighted by gas machines operated on the premises, and a large vault is connected with the rear room. Since he has been in partnership with Mr. Coffroth he has, to a great extent, been the working member of the firm, as his partner's political interests have necessarily absorbed a large portion of his time. His practice has covered almost every department of the profession, and he has won many important cases. He was one of the counsel for the defense of the Nicely brothers, and has participated in various civil cases and criminal trials with marked success, being noted for the clearness of his presentation and the force of his arguments.

Mr. Ruppel has been a follower of the Democratic standard, and, although he has never held any political office, has been quite active in party work during presidential campaigns. He served as delegate to the Pennsylvania Democratic state convention which nominated Mr. Singerly for governor, and in 1881 his name was mentioned as a candidate for president judge, but Mr. Ruppel declined to press his candidacy, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his private practice. In 1901 he was the Democratic nominee for president judge of the county. At the election the Republican state ticket carried the county by a majority of 3,825, and Mr. Ruppel was defeated by only 295 votes. He is a member of the Lutheran church and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday school at Somerset. For thirty-two years he was leader of the church choir and orchestra, and has always taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to musical advancement. For many years he has been president of the Lutheran Sunday School Association of Somerset county, has served as a member of the board of directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and is now a director of Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. Formerly he was active as a Good Templar, participating in the transactions of the state and other conventions, and at one time was grand worthy counselor of the grand lodge. Mr. Ruppel has traveled extensively throughout the United States and is thoroughly conversant with the places of note and interest in his adopted state, and well informed on current topics and general news.

Mr. Ruppel married, December 19, 1872, Clara Heffley, daughter of John and Elizabeth Heffley, and one child was born to them, Ella Mildred, who died at the age of three years. Mrs. Ruppel died April 14, 1891. On October 25, 1898, Mr. Ruppel married Minerva Covode, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Lydia

(Griffith) Covode. Mr. Ruppel and his wife occupy a handsome and commodious residence on Main street, Somerset, which he completed in 1883.

HENRY IRVING MARSDEN, M. D.

(I) This family of Marsdens is English, and the grandfather of Dr. Henry I. Marsden was John Marsden, born 1814, at Huddersfield, England; came to the United States in 1835, settling in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he established himself in the woolen business, which grew and branched out to goodly proportions until the Civil war broke out, when general depression caused him to retire from business in 1862, having disposed of his mills for over $100,000. He was an ardent Universalist in church faith. He came from one of the oldest families in England and traced his family line back to the time of William the Conqueror. At the present time the family is very prominent in English circles. John Marsden died in 1874.

He married Sophia Crellen, born in Queenstown, England, 1816. She came to America on the same vessel on which John Marsden sailed and was married to him in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1838. She, too, traced her ancestry back to a time before the Reformation. She became a great church worker and spent most of her time in charitable work. At the age of seventy years she became blind and the last twenty years of her life were spent in total darkness. She died in 1894, aged ninety-one years.

The issue of John and Sophia (Crellen) Marsden was:

1. Hannah, only daughter, born in Philadelphia in 1839. She studied medicine in the city of her birth, but did not practice her profession, as she shortly married David Geisler. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Geisler—the eldest, John, in 1862, and Biddle, in 1864. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Geisler did not prove a happy union, and the wife obtained a divorce and then took the name Marsden again, as did also her sons. The mother is still living in Philadelphia, as well as the sons. The former is a merchant and the latter a physician. 2. William C., the father of our subject.

(II) William C. Marsden, son of John and Sophia (Crellen) Marsden, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1841. He was educated in the common schools and finished at a private school near that city. He was averse to city life and determined upon being a farmer. His father started him out in such an occupation in Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, where he conducted a large dairy farm until 1873, when he removed to Towanda, Pennsylvania, and there engaged in the produce business. He accumulated considerable means, and when his mother died, in 1893, he retired from business and has since led a quiet, retired life.

He married Hannah E. Whiteley, of an old English family. She was born in Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, in 1843, and in 1863 married Mr. Marsden, by whom seven children were born, and all of whom still survive, as are also the parents.

(III) Dr. Henry I. Marsden, son of William C. and Hannah(Whiteley)Marsden(2), was born in Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1871. His parents removed to Towanda, Pennsylvania, two years later, and he spent his boyhood days in and about his favorite city, receiving a common school education. At the age of fifteen years he entered the high schools and graduated with the class of June, 1890. He at once entered the drug firm of Clark B. Porter, where he spent five years. In the autumn of 1895 he entered the medical department of Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the same, May, 1898. Immediately after his leaving college he located in the practice of medicine at Somerset, Pennsylvania, and has built up a high class business in his chosen profession. Dr. Marsden, although doing a general practice of medicine and surgery, makes a specialty of the eye, nose, throat and ear.

Politically Dr. Marsden has always supported the Republican party. Among the various societies with which he is connected are the Somerset County Medical Society and American Medical Association. He is the surgeon for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; inspector of health for State of Pennsylvania; examiner for the New York Life, Mutual Life of New York, Equitable Security, Metropolitan, Manhattan, Pennsylvania Mutual, and the Phœnix Mutual Life Insurance Companies, etc.; also official examiner for United States marine corps, Navy Department.

Dr. Marsden was married in 1902 at Somerset, Pennsylvania, to Nell Cunningham, daughter of Elias and Louisa Cunningham, of Somerset, Pennsylvania. She was educated in the public schools of her native county, and after graduating finished her education at Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia. She descends from an old Somerset family. Her grandfather conducted a tannery at Somerset for many years. Her father was educated for the law and was admitted to the Somerset county bar, before which he practiced for some time in partnership with General A. H. Coffroth. Later he entered the government service in the revenue department, which engaged his time several years. Subsequently he embarked in the lumber business, in which he is operating under the name of E. Cunningham & Son.

ELMER E. PRITTS.

Elmer E. Pritts, assistant cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Somerset, Pennsylvania, born December 26, 1861, comes through the following genealogical line:

(I) His grandfather on the paternal side was George Pritts, born about 1781, and he descended from one of two brothers who emigrated from Germany at an early date and settled in Virginia. Later one of the two brothers came to Pennsylvania, and from him came the Somerset county Pritts families.

George, the grandfather, died June, 1856, near Somerset. He farmed all his days in his native township. In religious belief he was a Baptist. He married Catherine Weimer, born about 1786, and died February 2, 1856. Her father's people came from Germany. George and Catherine (Weimer) Pritts had eleven children: Nellie, born 1806, married a Mr. Longsbaugh; John, 1808; Rebecca, 1810, married a Huston; Sally, 1813, married a Shaffer; Mary, 1815, married an Atchison; Samuel, 1818; Magdelen, 1821, married a Zarefoss; George, 1823; Henry, 1826; Joseph, 1828, and Peter, 1832. The only two now surviving are George and Henry Pritts. Samuel died aged twenty-one years; Henry married a Miss Zarefoss; Joseph married a Knepper; Peter married Mary Frank.

(II) Peter Pritts, son of George Pritts (1), born in 1832, was a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and by trade a carpenter. He obtained a common school education, was a Lutheran in religious faith and a Republican in politics. He was a soldier during the Civil war, being a member of Company G, Sixty-fourth Pennsylvania Regiment. Aside from having served as constable, he never held local office. He married Mary Frank in 1859. She was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Will) Frank, by whom Mr. Pritts had the following issue:

Elmer E. (subject), born December 26, 1861; Lizzie, married W. H. Saylor; Ross, married Lucy Saylor and died aged about twenty-eight years; Sue, married W. H. Stutzman; Frank, married a Miss Domer; Verdie, Samuel and John died in infancy; Mame, married J. H. Seibert; Nannie, married Dr. C. L. Friedline.

(III) Of Elmer E. Pritts it may be stated that he is indebted to the public and local normal schools of Somerset county for the educational advantages he enjoyed during his boyhood. The first twelve years of his active career he followed the vocation of teaching, the next seven years he served in the capacity of principal of the Somerset borough schools, the following six years he held the responsible position of county superintendent of schools, and since then has been the incumbent of

J. J. Welch,

his present position, assistant cashier of the Farmers' National Bank, the duties of which he is discharging with credit to himself and acceptably to the officials of the institution. He casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party, to which he has always given his allegiance, and was chairman of the Republican county committee in 1902. He is active in business and political circles and stands high in the community in which he has spent his life.

December 25, 1887, he married Minnie Sipe, born September 16, 1868, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Sipe. By this union the issue was Mary Elizabeth, born October 8, 1890. Mr. Pritts and family are members of the Lutheran church. (For sketch of Sipe family see elsewhere.)

THE WELCH FAMILY.

This memoir is concerning the family to which belonged the late venerable Rev. Joel J. Welch, who served as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church in various places from 1861 to 1902, twenty-seven years of which period was spent in Friedens, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. His son, Everett C. Welch, is the ex-recorder of Somerset county.

Rev. Joel J. Welch, son of Vachel W. and Elizabeth Welch, was born September 10, 1831, near Middletown, Frederick county, Maryland. He was catechised and confirmed in the Lutheran church by David J. Bittle, D. D., attended Wittenberg College of Springfield, Ohio. After leaving college he taught six years with much success. Drs. Conrad, Spencer and others urged him to prepare for the ministry. He studied theology privately under Rev. S. Wells and J. H. Baird; was licensed to preach in 1861 and ordained in 1862 by the Miami synod. He faithfully served the following pastorates: Liberty, Ohio, 1861-64; Vandalia, Ohio, 1864-66; Tippecanoe City, Ohio, 1866-72; Osborn, Ohio, 1872-74; Friedens, Pennsylvania, 1874-1902. He died in the ministry at Friedens, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1902, aged seventy years, three months and twenty-four days. While in decline he still served his flock until November preceding his death. He suffered the bodily afflictions of being almost entirely deaf for a few years prior to his death, but continued to serve his people with great devotion and efficiency. He was possessed of many lovable traits of character, amiable, sympathetic, guileless. Possessing more than ordinary intellectual endowments, deep piety and strong convictions, he became a clear, forceful preacher. His parishioners were one and all greatly attached to him for his manly, Christian virtues.

The *Young Lutheran*, a church paper for whose columns Rev. Welch was a regular correspondent, in the first issue subsequent to his death published the following concerning his life and character:

"Rev. Father J. J. Welch has gone home to rest. The faithful shepherd laid down his crook. The Lord whom he served has enfolded him. His good works follow him. Mourned by a saddened flock, a bereaved family and the community in which he resided for over twenty-seven years, as a man he was highly esteemed, as a gentleman he was a model, as a Christian he followed Christ closely, as a pastor he was fatherly, as a priest he ministered faithfully, as a preacher he preached Christ crucified, as a writer he was clear, able, vigorous. He was a man of many parts, not given to place, self or honor seeking."

Perhaps no better conception can be had of the character of Rev. Welch than the following tribute of respect paid him for publication in this work by Rev. J. F. Shearer, of the same denomination to which he belonged, which reads as follows:

"He was the settled pastor of Friedens' charge for twenty-seven years, the longest pastorate of any Lutheran minister in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was a man of exceptionally pleasing and impressive characteristics. 'He was truly a burning and shining light.' He had fine gifts and special graces given him, showing at all times, both publicly and privately, a nature that is born of a thorough consecration of God.

"He was a preacher of more than the ordinary ability. His style was first of all clear and his utterances full of unction. He said what he had to say to his people in such a way as not to be misunderstood. The earnestness and sincerity with which he spoke made him one of the most effective preachers of the gospel. He left a record to be envied by many of his brethren in the ministry. His Christian character was so transparent, so pure, so kind and tender to all with whom he came in contact, to know him was almost to envy the loveliness of his disposition and character. It is not strange, therefore, that he has such a place in the affections of his people that nothing but death could sever. Of him it must be said that 'he, being dead, yet speaks,' and will continue to speak for many a year to come. While his spirit is with his Saviour, whom he loved supremely, and his body sleeps sweetly with the graves of his own people around him. And now, since he is in the presence of God, from them will shine another star to guide them on their way to him, and, like Paul, he will be able to say, 'There are my joy and crown of rejoicing.' By his sacred dust a beautiful monument stands, which his only living son, Everett C., has erected to his memory."

Rev. Joel J. Welch was united in marriage in 1854 to Luenza M. Appleton, of Liberty, Indiana. Of the six children born by their union, three survive: Lallah, wife of William Symmes, of Hamilton, Ohio; Everett C., ex-recorder of Somerset county, Pennsylvania; and Clara E., wife of E. J. Dickey, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

Of Father Welch's wife, Luenza M. (Appleton) Welch, it may be stated that she was the daughter of William and Marianna Appleton. Her father was the founder and publisher of *Liberty* (Indiana) *Herald.* Mrs. Welch was born October 16, 1832, at Cumberland, Maryland, and educated at Covington, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio. She subsequently removed to Liberty, Indiana. She was a successful music teacher.

Everett C. Welch, son of Reverend Joel J. and Luenza M. (Appleton) Welch, was born October 14, 1859, at Liberty, Union county, Indiana. He received a good common school education at the public schools of Vandalia, Tippecanoe City and Osborn, Ohio. From 1877 to 1882 he served as assistant postmaster at Liberty, Indiana. From 1882 to 1902 was chiefly employed in the musical instrument business as salesman of pianos and organs, also carried on farming to some extent.

Politically Mr. Welch is a Republican. He cast his first vote for President James A. Garfield, and has supported all of his successors. In 1902 he was elected to the office of recorder of deeds for Somerset county, Pennsylvania. His term of office expired January 1, 1906. In the role of an official, none has made a cleaner record for well kept books and his obliging conduct to his constituency has been more marked than few, if any, of his predecessors.

Mr. Welch is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, of the General Synod. He was married in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1884, to Louisa H., second from the youngest daughter of ex-Judge Josiah Mowry and wife. By this union have been born two sons: Claude A. M., born April 8, 1893; Joel Jacobs, born May 12, 1897. Both were born near Friedens, Pennsylvania.

Of Mrs. Welch's ancestry it may be stated that she descends from Michael Mowry (1), a native of Germany, who settled in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1775. Some years later he removed to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and located on a farm in what is now known as Somerset township. He was engaged in farming and milling until his death in 1833. He married Mary Baker and their children were: Peter, Michael, George, Henry, Nancy, Christina, Mary, Susan, Eve, Elizabeth and Sarah.

(II) George Mowry became a prominent resident of the county and served as a soldier in the war of 1812-14. September 16, 1828, he founded the *Somerset Herald* and published both German and English editions under that title for many years. He also officiated as county treasurer and sheriff, and was a member of the state legislature. His brother, Michael Mowry (2), born in Somerset county in 1789, died near the place of his birth in 1872. He followed both farming and carpentering. He married Rose Mostoller and their children were: Josiah, Louisa and Lavina.

(III) Josiah Mowry, son of Michael and Rose (Mostoller) Mowry (2), was elected associate judge of Somerset county, October, 1871, and served until 1876. He engaged in farming upon the old family homestead, the place of his birth. He married Harriet Long and reared a family including a daughter, Louisa H., who became the wife of Everett C. Welch above named.

THE SIPE FAMILY.

The Sipe family is an old one in Somerset county, as well as in Maryland. This sketch begins with the American founder.

(I) Peter Sipe is a native of Germany, who came to America in 1783 and settled in what is now Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and in Summit township, as the county is now divided. He was a farmer of the good-fashioned, true and sturdy type. He married Barbara Troyer, by whom were born these children: Christian, Peter, Jacob, Michael, Andrew, Catharine, Marie, Martha and Fanny.

(II) Michael Sipe son of the founder, Peter (1), was born in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1795, died October 22, 1885, aged ninety years, six months and twenty-five days. He became a carpenter, and was also an extensive farmer. In 1816 he located in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and from 1843 to 1853 was engaged in merchandising. He married Susannah Betz, born June 25, 1796, died February 20, 1885, aged eighty-eight years, seven months and twenty-three days. The children born of this union were: Lavina, wife of Mr. Kring; Henry, Christian, Michael, Moses, John A., Lydia, Peter, see forward; Susan, Mary A., Diana, wife of Mr. Mason; and Harriet.

(III) Peter Sipe, son of Michael and Susanna (Betz) Sipe (2), was born January 12, 1831, at Sipesville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and died October 11, 1904. He was a general merchant from 1853 to 1888, when he sold his store to his two sons, H. L. and W. P. Sipe, having been in trade over thirty-five years. He also had several farms, which had mostly been disposed of before his death. Politically he was of the Democratic party, and was a devout member of the German Reformed church. He held numerous township offices, and was appointed county auditor. He held membership with the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Sipesville. He married Elizabeth Bell, daughter of David and Sarah (Mickey) Bell, by whom were born seven children: Tilla J., born July 11, 1855, married S. M. Wendal; Mary A., May 11, 1857, married John W. Shaffer; Harry L., February 10, 1859, married Martha B. Spangle; Lydia O., July 23, 1861, married L. H. Stern; William Peter, August 25, 1863, married Lilly Shaffer; Sadie B., August 16, 1866, married J. E. Gasteiger; Minnie M., September 16, 1868, married E. E. Pritts. The mother of these children was born October 6, 1832, and died April 24, 1904.

(IV) Harry L. Sipe, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Bell) Sipe (3), born February 10, 1859, had the advantage of but a limited common school education, was put to work when very young, never attending school after thirteen years of age. He assisted his father and when old enough sought employment in the Somerset dairy, where he worked for eight years, when he with his brother, William P., purchased their father's general store at Sipesville. He continued there for five years and came to Somerset borough, where he opened a general merchandise store, which he operated from 1893 to 1905. He then opened a wholesale tobacco and cigar store in Somerset.

In September, 1900, Mr. Sipe organized the Farmers' National Bank of Somerset, and has served as its president ever since. The bank building they now occupy was purchased in 1902. In addition to his home business operations, Mr. Sipe is a stockholder in the Federal National Bank of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; also in the Iron City Trust Company of the same city. He served for many years, and is still serving, as an auctioneer for large public sales. Up to the William Jennings Bryan free silver campaign, Mr. Sipe always voted the Democratic ticket, but since that date has supported the Republican party. In his church relations, he is a member of the German Reformed church at Somerset. He is at present the president of the town council of Somerset. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Lodge No. 458, and is their "Banker." He is also treasurer of the Somerset Door & Column Company, being one of the original stockholders and organizers.

Mr. Sipe was married, December 6, 1877, to Martha B. Spangler, daughter of George and Rosa Spangler, of Friedens, Pennsylvania. George Spangler was born September 11, 1831, and served the Union army in the Civil war days as a member of the One Hundred Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers. He died January 29, 1905. Mrs. Spangler was born September 27, 1836, and is still living. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Sipe are: Lawrence E., born September 14, 1878, married Alice Cook; Ira Preston, November 30, 1879; Nellie A., March 22, 1881, married Robert S. Meyers, of Berlin, Pennsylvania; Alpha S., August 16, 1886, married Lola P. McGeary, November 2, 1905; Walter V., October 11, 1888. Mr. Sipe's two eldest sons were permitted to visit their great-great-grandfather, Philip Shaver, of Listie, when small boys. He died in 1879, aged ninety-two years. He settled in Somerset county in 1805, coming from Maryland.

DANIEL W. SEIBERT.

Daniel W. Seibert, county superintendent of the schools of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, a position for which he is eminently qualified, was born May 20, 1873, a son of Solomon and Mary Seibert, natives of Somerset township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, the former named a farmer and lumberman.

Daniel W. Seibert was educated in the public schools, local normals and South-Western State Normal School. For a number of years he assisted with the duties of the farm, after which he accepted a position as teacher, serving in that capacity for about twelve years; later was appointed principal of the schools in Somerset, and is now holding the responsible position of county superintendent of schools. He is a man who keeps abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his calling, and while devoting his best interests to his work, is still a student. He is a member of the Progressive Brethren church, the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which latter organization he served as District Deputy Grand Master.

Mr. Seibert married, September 7, 1904, at Somerset, Pennsylvania, Madge Holderbaum, a daughter of James B. and Annie Holderbaum.

THE BIESECKER FAMILY.

The Biesecker family were Germans and first settled in Adams county, Pennsylvania, at a very early day. The first of this name to settle in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was Daniel Biesecker, who was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1789. His brother, Frederick, came at the same date and made settlement. During his early years he came to Somerset county and in the township of Quemahoning worked at farming several years. Later he removed to Jennerstown, where he purchased land and improved the same, residing thereon and being prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his decease at the age of sixty-six years. He was an industrious worker, an able and efficient manager, and therefore his broad acres yielded him a goodly return for the labor expended. He was a Republican in politics. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Kimmel, was a daughter of Solomon Kimmel, and her birth occurred on the homestead now occupied by her son, Noah, in Quemahoning

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Biesecker: Elizabeth, born October 3, 1814, married Jacob Byers and they had five children; she died March 15, 1894. Joseph, born April 14, 1816, died April 21, 1853; married Hannah Keller and had five children. Abraham, born October 15, 1817, a farmer, married Agnes Richmeyer, and they had seven children. Elijah, born March 6, 1819, died February 21, 1853. Rebecca, born December 27, 1820, married Henry Sipe and they had twelve children. Solomon, born February 11, 1822, died September 19, 1839. Sarah, born January 8, 1824, married Aaron Friedline and had three children. Noah, born September 13, 1825, see forward. Magdalena, born May 19, 1827, now deceased, married Michael Sipe and they had seven children. John, born December 13, 1829.

The father, Daniel Biesecker, died on the farm upon which he first settled. The date of his death was January 24, 1855. His wife, Nancy (Kimmel) Biesecker, was born in 1794 and died March 19, 1859, aged sixty-five years, ten months and thirteen days. They are both buried at the Beams Reformed church now, but prior to the fall of 1905 rested in the family burying ground at home. Their children were all born on the original Biesecker homestead in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

(II) Joseph Biesecker, fist son of Daniel (1) and Nancy Biesecker, born April 4, 1816, married Hannah Keller and they reared five children. He was a tanner by trade and operated a small tannery for many years, but when improvements and large concerns came into use he was employed for other tanners. He died when aged about sixty years.

(II) Abraham Biesecker, second son of Daniel (1) and Nancy Biesecker, born October 15, 1817, married Agnes Richmeyer and they reared seven children. He was a farmer and voted the Whig and Republican tickets. He was of the Presbyterian faith. He died about 1887 and is buried beside the Presbyterian church at Jennerstown, Pennsylvania.

(II) Noah Biesecker, fifth son of Daniel (1) and Nancy Biesecker, born September 13, 1825, a prominent farmer of Quemahoning, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and a citizen of influence, received his education in the public schools of Jennerstown, and after completion of his studies conducted general farming at the parental homestead until 1854, becoming highly proficient therein. He then came to Quemahoning and assumed possession of the old Kimmel farm, on which his mother was born, and has since followed this independent calling with marked success. During his long residence in the town he has taken an active interest in the development and growth of the same, every enterprise tending thereto receiving from him a hearty support. From 1881 until 1885, inclusive, he served in the capacity of associate judge of Somerset county, the first year having been associated with Judge George Pile, and thereafter with Judge Daniel J. Horner, and the responsible duties of the office were performed by him in a highly commendable and praiseworthy manner. He is a stanch advocate of the principles of Republicanism.

In September, 1860, Mr. Biesecker married Elizabeth Winters, daughter of the late John and Margaret (Mull) Winters, whose deaths occurred at the ages of sixty-five and seventy-two years, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Winters were the parents of eight children, five of whom are now living: Wendel married Mary Bowman, who bore him two children, William and Amanda Winters; Elizabeth, wife of Noah Biesecker; Sophia, wife of Thomas Gallagher, and mother of four children, John, Edward, Rebecca and Ida Gallagher; Julia, wife of Herman Shaffer, and mother of five children, John, Barton, Robert, Ida and Lillie Shaffer; John, who married Jan Bowman, and their family consists of seven children, Joanna, Maggie, Grace, Robert, Thomas, James and Jacob Winters. Mr. and Mrs. Biesecker were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, all now deceased. James F., the only child that attained maturity, married Mary Cunningham, by whom he has one child, Elizabeth Biesecker. Mr. and Mrs. Biesecker stand high in social and religious circles, the former being a valued member of the Reformed church, and the latter of the Lutheran church.

(II) John Biesecker, sixth son of Daniel (1) and Nancy Biesecker, born December 13, 1829, has been a sturdy, successful farmer all his days thus far. He now owns and occupies the old Biesecker homestead in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He obtained a good common school education, and in political affiliation was first a Whig and later a Republican. He is a member of the Reformed church, and belongs to Jenner township Grange. He served as school director for twelve years prior to 1885. He was married in 1857 to Miss Joanna Winters, daughter of John and Margaret (Mull) Winters, whose family connect back to the prominent Winters family of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in which were three generations of eminent physicians, including her uncle. Mrs. Biesecker died September 12, 1886. She was the mother of two children—Frederick W., an attorney of Somerset, and Magdalena, who died aged five years. The mother and daughter were both buried near the Beams Reformed church.

Concerning the Winters family it may be related that John Winters and his brother, Dr. Isaac Winters, of Lancaster fame, came of English stock. Their grandfather, John Winters, emigrated from England to America before the Revolution, and later in that struggle bore an active part as a soldier under General Washington. His home was near Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and there he died within a month after returning thereto from his Revolutionary service. He left a widow and son, the latter being named John, born November 21, 1776. When John Winters, Jr., grew to man's estate, he settled in the village of New Holland, Lancaster county, where for many years he followed the occupation of a blacksmith. He married Catharine Diffenderffer, January 16, 1796, and their children were: John, Isaac, Maria, Ludwig Levi, Margaratha and Cyrus. John Winters died July 13, 1859, and his wife, Catherine (Diffenderffer) Winters, died July 12, 1843. John Winters, eldest son of John and Catharine (Diffenderffer) Winters, came from Lancaster county to Somerset county about 1800. He was a farmer, belonged to the Reformed church and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican. He married in Lancaster county Margaret Mull, by whom seven children were born, three sons and four daughters. His sons—Wendel, Elias and John—served in the Civil war conflict on the Union side, going from Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Elias was accidentally killed by being crushed beneath some slate and rock about a coal mine in 1881. He left a widow and twelve children. John Winters died in 1860 and was buried in the church yard at Zimmermans Reformed church. His wife, Margaret (Mull) Winters, died in 1871, and rests beside her husband.

(III) Frederick Winters Biesecker, an attorney of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was named for his grandfather's brother, Frederick Biesecker, an early settler in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and his middle name was given to him in honor of his mother's family, the Winters. He is the only son of John and Joanna (Winters) Biesecker, born on the old Biesecker farm on which his grandfather settled in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. The date of his birth is March 10, 1858. He was reared to farm labor, and attended the common schools of his native township and the normals of Somerset county. Believing he was better suited for a professional career than for an agriculturist, he took a preparatory course in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and entered Franklin and Marshall College, from which he graduated in June, 1880. He then chose law and entered into the study under General Koontz, at Somerset, was admitted to the bar in August, 1882, and since that time has been in active and constant practice at Somerset, where he has been eminently successful. He has also branched into various business enterprises, including investment in coal lands, which have now been disposed of at a handsome profit. He is a stockholder and director of the Somerset Trust Company, also of the First National Bank of the same place, as well as of the First National Bank at Confluence, Pennsylvania. Politically Mr. Biesecker is an out-and-out Republican. He was elected to the office of district attorney in the autumn of 1883, and re-elected in the fall of 1886, serving in all six years. He is a consistent member of the Reformed church at Somerset borough.

Mr. Biesecker married Mary Ogle Scull, daughter of Edward and Louise (Ogle) Scull, October 16, 1886. Mrs. Biesecker was educated in Somerset county schools and at the seminary at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. They have no children.

WILLIAM HENRY STODDARD.

William Henry Stoddard, though not a native of Somerset county, has been intimately associated with all of its interests for a quarter of a century, as contractor and builder, while his wife and children are natives of the borough of Somerset. This family is from good old English stock, running to William H. as follows:

(I) Isaac Stoddard, grandfather, was born in England, and in young manhood was one of four in his father's family to come to America. Of the other three but little is known, but Isaac came for the purpose of testing cannon for this country. His home, therefore, was at Georgetown, D. C. He married a Miss Fagen, by whom three children were born: Isaac, John H. (father of subject) and Mary Ann, who married a Mr. Clemont, and they had a daughter named Rosa, who became the wife of George F. Adams. Stoddard street, Georgetown, was named for Isaac Stoddard (1).

(II) Isaac Stoddard, eldest son of the founder of the family in this country, married and had two children—Ulysses and Martha. He was among the first police in the city of Washington, D. C.

(II) John H. Stoddard, son of Isaac Stoddard (1), was born about 1811, at Georgetown, D. C. He attended the schools common to his day, and mastered the trade of wheelwright and blacksmith and followed this calling in Washington for more than a quarter of a century. He died in 1867. In politics he was an ardent Democrat, and was a Roman Catholic in religious faith. He had a farm home in Virginia, near Washington, and there he died. He was a member of the Washington Rifle Company and won a medal for marksmanship. When about thirty years of age he married Mary Ann Rollins, daughter of Joshua Rollins and wife, of Washington, D. C. Her father was a sea captain and had charge of most of the boats along the Potomac river. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stoddard had eight children: 1. Elizabeth, deceased, born in Baltimore, Maryland, died in infancy. 2. Mary Ann, born in Washington, D. C., 1852, married Burton Vernon. 3. Emma Jane, deceased, born in the same city in 1854, married Joseph Dunn. 4. John, deceased, born in Washington in 1856. 5. Alberta, born at the same place in 1858. 6. William Henry (subject), born in Washington, D. C., 1860. 7. Raymond, deceased, born in 1862. 8. Rosa Virginia, born in 1865.

The wife of John H. Stoddard was greatly devoted to the Union cause during the days of the rebellion, and became matron of the hospital at Fort Richardson, which was located on their farm. She belonged to the United States Hospital Corps, and when peace was declared was honorably discharged the same as a soldier. Only a few days prior to President Lincoln's assassination Mrs. Stoddard took flowers to the White House for the good president. Again, after that sad event, she had to make a trip over the "Long Bridge" to Washington and was accompanied by a soldier and her young son, William H., of this sketch. On account of search being made for any clue to the whereabouts of Booth, the assassin, they were stopped on the bridge and searched before being allowed to pass over into the capital city. Mrs. Stoddard died in 1897.

(III) William Henry Stoddard, son of John H. (2), was born in the City of Washington, D. C., May 30, 1860. He attended school in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Upon leaving his school duties he entered the Central Market of Washington and was employed there three years, when he commenced to master the carpenter's trade and continued with one firm for about five years. He then took up slate roofing and learned that trade thoroughly and followed it three years. The next four years he spent under special instructions in architecture and general building. He was employed on government work in Washington, and bridges. Upon the occasion of President James A. Garfield's inaugural ball in March, 1881, he worked several days and nights in order to get the National Museum ready, in which to hold that grand affair. Just prior to that Mr. Stoddard had erected a large hotel at Sulphur Springs, Virginia. July 2, 1881, he came to Somerset, under John D. Berk, for the purpose of superintending the bridge work on the Somerset & Cambria railway. Later he went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and for the Keystone Bridge Company erected steel work at Braddock. He then returned to Somerset and after a short stay went to Washington, D. C., where he spent two years working at his trade. In 1883 he returned to Somerset, which borough has been his home ever since. He worked at carpentering and slate roof work for about two years, making the first slate roofs in the county. After the great Johnstown flood he went to that place and superintended the rebuilding of that place, and received the first builder's license ever issued there, after the place was organized as a city. Three years later he resumed the work of a master builder in Somerset county, where he drew plans for the town and county house asylum building, the academy, municipal building and scores of large residences all over the county.

Mr. Stoddard was married, October 25, 1881, to Ella Nora Keiffer, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Koontz) Keiffer, of Somerset borough, her native place. Mrs. Stoddard's father died in 1905. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stoddard were: Charles R., born in Washington, D. C., March 3, 1883, was appointed first mail carrier for Somerset in the spring of 1906. 2. John H., December 19, 1885. 3. George W., May 6, 1886. 4. Arthur J., August 19, 1887. 5. Harry D., March 26, 1890, deceased 6. Robert B., September 16, 1892. 7. William W., December 3, 1893. 8. Ernest G., November 2, 1895, deceased. 9. Rosa Virginia, November 23, 1897. 10. Franklin E., August 21, 1901, deceased. 11. Norman K., June 12, 1903.

Politically Mr. Stoddard is a Democrat. In lodge relations he is numbered among the honorable members of the Royal Arcanum, No. 985, at Somerset, and was its regent in 1900. He is a member of Golden Eagle Lodge, No. 181, Somerset Castle, and was one of the charter members. He is a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, organized the first fire company in Somerset borough, in 1893. He was made assistant chief, refusing to become its chief. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and Somerset Musical Club. Mr. Stoddard and wife are members of the "Ladies' Temple," auxiliary of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

VIRGIL R. SAYLOR, ESQ.

David and Jacob Saylor, brothers, came to America from Germany early in the history of our country. The original spelling was "Syler." From one of these brothers was descended George Michael Saylor, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and, after serving the time of his enlistment, entered the service again as a substitute, receiving $100 for the same, which was considered a large price for a substitute at that time. George Michael Saylor moved to Somerset county (then a part of Bedford county) from Berks county, in 1787. Samuel Saylor, a son of George Michael Saylor, and great-grandfather of Virgil R. Saylor, the subject of this sketch, was seven years old at the time his father settled in Somerset county. Samuel Saylor marrieid and reared a family of twelve children, among whom was Joseph Saylor, the grandfather of Virgil R. Saylor. Joseph Saylor was the second in the line of descent, and was born November 15, 1808. He married Eliza Heiple, and to this union were born ten children, the oldest being Alexander Saylor, the father of Virgil R. Saylor. Alexander Saylor was born in 1829. He married, October 16, 1856, Rosanna Pugh. He entered the service of his country in April, 1861, responding to President Lincoln's call for volunteers, and enlisted as a member of Company A, Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment Reserves. He fought in many of the principal battles of the war, and was severely wounded in the battle of Fredericksburg. From the effects of this wound he died in 1872, on May 30, that date being now observed throughout the country as Memorial Day. He was a carpenter by trade, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Evangelical church. Rosanna (Pugh) Saylor, his widow, is now living in Somerset, Pennsylvania, and is seventy-four years old. She has been a lifelong member of the Lutheran church.

To Alexander and Rosanna (Pugh) Saylor were born nine children: Ida Belle, intermarried with J. C. Nycum, now residing in Cripple Creek, Colorado; Eliza Jane, deceased; Elmira, deceased; Professor Otho O. Saylor, a prominent educator of Someset county, having been principal of the schools of Somerset and Rockwood boroughs; Charles L., deceased; Linnie, deceased, who was intermarried with Lewis H. Miller; Luther J., who married Luella Foshender, now residing in Rising City, Nebraska; Virgil R., see forward; and William A., of Somerset.

Virgil R. Saylor, an attorney at law of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born January 31, 1870, about five miles east of Somerset, on the Somerset and Bedford turnpike, at what is known as Will's Church. He is second to the youngest son of Alexander and Rosanna (Pugh) Saylor; his maternal grandparents were James and Rachel Pugh.

Mr. Saylor attended the public school at Will's Church until the age of nine years, when he entered the Tressler Orphans' Home at Loysville, Perry county, Pennsylvania, as a soldier's orphan, remaining there until he was sixteen years of age. It was here that he received an excellent foundation for his future work and that a desire for a college education was formed. He taught school one term in Cambria county and one term in Somerset county, attending the local normal school during the spring and summer months. At the age of nineteen he entered with the freshman class Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, pursuing the classical course and graduating from said institution in 1893 with the degree of A. B.; three years later the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by his *alma mater.* From 1893 to 1896 he was high school teacher and assistant principal of the Somerset borough schools, and from 1896 to 1901 he was principal of the Salisbury borough schools in Somerset county. During these years he was prominent in educational circles and conventions, and was urged to accept better and more lucrative positions elsewhere, but the desire to enter the legal profession and make the law his future work, which was formed during his college days, now controlled him to such an extent that he turned aside from the profession of teaching, for which work he possessed natural aptitude, not, however, without much regret, for he liked the work and was ever faithful and conscientious in its performance. He entered the law office of Coffroth & Ruppel, Somerset, Pennsylvania, being registered as a student at law in October, 1901, and was admitted to the Somerset bar, October 19, 1903. He immediately took up his practice in Somerset, and from the beginning had a good practice and has established for himself an extensive *clientele* as a result of his large acquaintance throughout the county, formed during the years he was engaged in teaching school.

Mr. Saylor is a member of the Woodmen of the World and Knights of Pythias, having been district deputy grand chancellor of the latter organization for several years. He is a Republican in politics and is an active member of the Lutheran church, the church of his mother.

DANIEL J. HORNER.

Daniel J. Horner, a veteran of the Civil war, former associate judge of Somerset county and a well known citizen of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was born in the county in which he now resides May 27, 1843, a son of the late John J. and Mary (Beeghley) Horner.

John Horner (grandfather) was born and reared in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, was a farmer by occupation, hardworking and successful, and lived to the age of fourscore years. He was united in marriage to a Miss Kimmel, and the issue of this union was fourteen children, all of whom are deceased but one, Susan, widow of John Felickinger.

John J. Horner (father), eldest child of John Horner, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was reared on a farm and followed that occupation as a means of livelihood throughout the active years of his career. He was a staunch Republican in his political views, and both he and his wife were active members of the Dunkard church. He died at his home near Sipesville, Pennsylvania, at the comparatively early age of forty-six years, being then but in the prime of life, and his wife, Mary (Beeghley) Horner, daughter of Jacob Beeghley, of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, died at the age of forty-four years. They were the parents of eleven children, four of whom are living at the present time (1906), as follows: Joseph, married Kate Rhoads, and their children are: Henry, Edward H., deceased; Albert J., William and Lillie M. Horner. Abraham, married Lizzie Lint, and their children are: Frank, Ida, Lillie, Sadie, Ada and Charles. Daniel J., deceased, see forward. John J., married a Miss Bowers. Ephraim J. Horner, married Miss Deitz.

Daniel J. Horner was educated at Mt Pleasant College and at the State Normal School in Millersville, Lancaster county, which he attended during the years 1866-67-68, paying his own expenses by teaching school in the winter seasons. In 1869 he was elected register and recorder of deeds for Somerset county, which position he held the ensuing three years. He was subsequently engaged as a carriage manufacturer in Somerset county for two years. In 1876 he was appointed United States storekeeper and gauger, an office which he filled until January, 1882, a period of six years, when he resigned to accept a clerkship in the board of county commissioners, which position he filled up to 1885. He then accepted a position as clerk in a store in Somerset and retained the same until his election as prothonotary and clerk of courts of Somerset county. He served in this capacity until 1891, and two years later was made associate judge of Somerset county, an office in which he served with distinction for five years. He has served as school director of Somerset borough for a number of years, rendering valuable and efficient service. He is a staunch Republican in politics.

On August 11, 1862, Judge Horner, then a young man, enlisted as a private in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served nineteen months. On December 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg, he was shot in the knee while on the battlefield. He suffered intense agony, lying out of doors four days before the operation was performed, and only his indomitable will and fortitude, as it would seem, kept him alive. He was carefully conveyed to the Harwood Hospital at Washington, D. C., where he remained until March, 1864, one year and three months. There he had a hard struggle for life, being obliged to undergo another surgical operation, having four inches more of his leg taken off. Judge Horner takes an active interest in local affairs, and while he was a member of the town council in 1879-80-81 one of the most valuable improvements in this section of the country was inaugurated, the building of the railway from Johnstown to Rockwood. He is prominently connected with many leading fraternal organizations, being a member of the R. P. Cummings Post, No. 210, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is past commander and judge advocate; Somerset Lodge, No. 38, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs, and has been secretary for twenty-one years; Golden Eagle Lodge, in which he has held the various offices; Meyersdale Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Junior Order of American Mechanics, and Royal Arcanum, in which he has passed all the chairs, and of which he was deputy grand regent for sixteen years. He is a member of the Elks at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and a Union Republican club, organized in the year 1861.

Judge Horner married, December 14, 1870, Susan Bell, daughter of David and Sarah (Mickey) Bell, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. One child, Marion Bell Horner, was born to them; she died April 2, 1890, aged sixteen years and six months.

JAMES B. HOLDERBAUM.

James B. Holderbaum, a well known merchant of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born, February 6, 1854, a son of John M. and Julia C. (Imhoff) Holderbaum.

Peter Holderbaum, great-grandfather of James B. Holderbaum, was for many years a saddler in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, but it is not known where he was born or whom he married. He was the father of seven children, the eldest of whom was Martin.

Martin Holderbaum, grandfather of James B. Holderbaum, was born and educated in Bedford county and removed from there to Somerset in 1817. Prior to his removal to Somerset he learned the trade of blacksmith and followed that occupation throughout his years of activity, having a large patronage. He was industrious and thrifty and was everywhere respected for his many sterling qualities. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church.

He married Catherine Anawalt, who bore him two children, of whom the first born was John M. The other child is deceased. Martin and his wife both lived to the age of seventy-two years.

John M. Holderbaum, father of James B. Holderbaum, was born in Somerset, June 4, 1819. and there was reared and educated. In 1833, when he was fourteen years of age, he entered into his first regular employment as clerk for Neff & Stahl, and in 1847, after several years of experience in business, he opened a general store at Somerset, where he built up an extensive trade and was one of the most prosperous merchants in his section. Politically he was a stanch Democrat, and although he has never aspired to the emoluments of public office he has always contributed liberally to all enterprises tending to advance the interests of the community.

He married Julia C. Imhoff, who was born in Somerset, October 16, 1824, and who bore him eleven children, of whom the following named are members: George, died July, 1903, married Annie MacDonald, and they have one child, Virginia Lee; Catherine, widow of Harry R. Cromwell and mother of two children, Howard and Bertha; Charles, married Sarah Moser; Margaret, wife of John R. Megalin, and they have four children, Edward, Joseph, Guy and ———; James B., of whom later; Lucy E., and Darl F. The death of the mother of the above named children occurred in July, 1896, and the father, November 4, 1904.

James B. Holderbaum was educated in the schools of Somerset and commenced his mercantile career as a clerk in his father's store. He acquired a good practical knowledge of the business and was subsequently admitted into partnership with his father. This arrangement existed until 1884, when he withdrew from the firm and established himself in the hardware business in Somerset, in which he has since been most successfully engaged. His store is one of the best equipped in the vicinity and his trade one of the most extensive and lucrative. He is a man of sterling integrity and has the confidence and respect of the entire community. In his political relations he accords allegiance to the Democratic party. He is an influential member of Somerset Lodge of Odd Fellows and Somerset Lodge, No. 358, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has filled all the chairs. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

February 12, 1878, Mr. Holderbaum married Anna A. Jones, daughter of Isaac G. Jones, of Somerset. Six children were born to them, viz: Julia C., John I., Cora M., Robert P., Harriet R. and Ethel M. Mrs. Holderbaum died April 2, 1904.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MEYERS.

Benjamin Franklin Meyers, the well known editor, lawyer, politician, author and successful business man, is a descendant of a family who originally came from Germany, from which country numbers of our enterprising and progressive citizens trace their ancestry. His grandmother on the father's side, however, was the daughter of a North of Ireland man.

Jacob Meyers, great-grandfather of Benjamin F. Meyers, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and about 1785 purchased a tract of wild and unsettled land in the region of what is now the borough of Meyersdale. He did not settle here, but sent his sons—Christian, Jacob, Henry and John—to look after the property.

John Meyers, grandfather of Benjamin F. Meyers, was a farmer and miller, which occupations he followed throughout the active years of his life. He married a Miss Dickey and they reared a large family, among whom was a son named Michael D.

Michael D. Meyers, father of Benjamin F. Meyers, was born in 1809 and died in 1867. He was educated in the township schools and followed the occupation of farmer, from which he derived a comfortable livelihood. He attended the Reformed church and in politics was first a Whig and later a Democrat. He married, in 1832, Sarah Schaff, born 1811, died 1886, a member for many years of the Reformed church and a descendant of ancestors who came from the Palatinate, Germany Their children were: Benjamin Franklin, of whom later; Carolyn, deceased, was the wife of Josiah Humbert, of Somerset county; William Henry Harrison, died at the age of five years; Uriah, died at the age of two years; James M., still living on the home farm near Gebhart, Pennsylvania; he married Lucinda Sanner and they reared a large family.

Benjamin F. Meyers was born on the home farm in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1833. He attended the schools of New Centerville, Somerset Academy, Joseph J. Stutzman, principal, and in 1851 entered Jefferson College at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. After two years of study in that institution he left to enter Yale College, but infirm health prevented him from becoming a student thereof. He had previously taught in the county schools, namely, New Centerville, where he was first a pupil; a boys' school in Somerset, 1853, having among his pupils such notable characters as George F. Baer, president of the Reading railroad; Rear Admiral Picking, United States navy; John R. Edie, major in United States army; and also a select school in Somerset He read law in the office of General William H. Koontz and was admitted to the Somerset county bar at the November term, 1855. He formed a partnership with Daniel Weyand and conducted business under the firm name of Weyand & Meyers.

Before admission to the bar, and while yet a minor, Benjamin F. Meyers spent a year in Illinois, engaged in journalism, and met Lincoln, Douglas and other eminent men. In August, 1857, he removed to Bedford, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and became editor of the *Bedford Gazette*. He was also admitted to the Bedford county bar and practiced his profession. In 1868 he became editor of the *Harrisburg Daily* and *Weekly Patriot*, which he made the leading Democratic organ in the state. He edited both papers until 1873, when he sold the *Gazette*, removed to Harrisburg and devoted his energies to the *Patriot*. In 1891 he disposed of the *Patriot* and purchased the *Star-Independent*, a consolidation of two Harrisburg papers, the *Star* and the *Independent,* and has been the owner and editor ever since.

In politics Mr. Meyers is a Democrat and has been honored with important offices. In 1863 he was elected a member of the general assembly from Bedford county. That year the state was redistricted and his district made solidly Republican. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Meyers was re-elected, but through some complications in the returns of the army vote he was refused his seat by a strictly caucus action of the party to which he was opposed.

In 1870 he was a candidate for congress from the sixteenth Pennsylvania district, comprising the counties of Adams, Bedford, Franklin, Fulton and Somerset. He was elected in spite of an adverse political majority of upward of 2,000, and became a member of the forty-second congress. In 1872 he was a candidate for re-election, but the nomination of Horace Greeley as the Democratic candidate for president so weighted down the party that the Democracy was everywhere defeated. Mr. Meyers, although unanimously renominated, was beaten by about fourteen hundred, running about six hundred ahead of his party ticket. In 1895 he was offered as a sacrifice to the overwhelming Republican majority of Pennsylvania. In the face of certain defeat his loyalty to his party was such that he consented to be its candidate for state treasurer. The appointive offices held by Mr. Meyers were postmaster of Harrisburg, appointed by President Cleveland in 1887, held office five years, three of which were under President Harrison, and state printer three years (under contract), 1874 to 1877. In 1864 he was delegate to the national convention that nominated General McClellan; in 1880 district delegate to national convention that nominated General Hancock; in 1884 delegate at large to national convention that nominated Grover Cleveland; in 1896 delegate at large to national convention that nominated William J. Bryan; in 1904 district delegate to national convention that nominated Alton B. Parker. Mr. Meyers is treasurer of the Democratic state committee and has held the office three terms.

Mr. Meyers has been actively and prominently identified with other business enterprises, as follows: Wilkesbarre Electric Street Railway System, of which he was the founder; Citizens' Passenger Railway Company, of Harrisburg, of which he is president; Central Pennsylvania Traction Company, of Harrisburg, of which he is vice-president; Columbia and Montour Electric Railway Company, of which he is president; Carlisle and Mt. Holly Railway Company, of which he is president; Brelsford Packing and Storage Company, of Harrisburg, of which he is president; and the United Telephone Company, a large company conducting business in Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and Virginia, with principal offices in Philadelphia, of which he is a director.

Mr. Meyers is a member and warden of St. Stephen's (Episcopal) church of Harrisburg, was for years member of the board of missions, diocese of Central Pennsylvania, and at present is a member of the standing committee of the diocese of Harrisburg. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry at Bedford in 1866, and is a past master of that lodge. His chapter degrees were conferred by Standing Stone Chapter, R. A. M., Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The remaining degrees of the Scottish Rite were conferred by the various bodies of Harrisburg Consistory. He is a member of Zembo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, both of Harrisburg. Notwithstanding his business and political successes, Mr. Meyers' tastes are decidedly literary. He has written much for papers and periodicals, mostly under a *nom de plume,* and is the author of a volume entitled "A Drama of Ambition, and Other Pieces in Verse." He has other literary work in course of preparation.

Mr. Meyers married, April 4, 1854, Susan C. Koontz, born July 2, 1833, daughter of Jacob Koontz and sister of General William H. Koontz (see Koontz ancestry). Mrs. Meyers was educated in the Somerset public and private schools and is a member of the Episcopal church. The children of this marriage were: Rosa S., married Ellis L. Mumma, a street railway contractor of Harrisburg. Their first born child, Winifred, a beautiful and talented young lady, died of typhoid fever at the age of twenty. They have one child living, Benjamin Meyers Mumma. Edwin K. died January 13, 1898; he was state printer for eight years and a member of the Harrisburg common council. Three children survive him, namely, Meredith, Susan C. and Benjamin P. Henry S., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Susan Irene, married Benjamin F. Africa, of Huntingdon, now of Harrisburg, a son of J. Simpson Africa; they have two sons, J. Simpson and Benjamin M. Africa. William Koontz, a graduate of Yale Law School and a member of Dauphin county bar. He married Mary Hunter, and their children are: Mary Elizabeth, William Koontz, Jr., and Winifred Meyers.

MILTON H. FIKE.

Among the prominent and influential men of the younger generation in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, to whom is due much of the improvement and progress made in that section of the state, must be mentioned the name of Milton H. Fike. His

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energy, enterprise and thrift are undoubtedly charcteristics inherited from his ancestors, who came originally from Switzerland and Scotland. These characteristics, united to an unusual amount of foresight and ambition, have been the means of raising him to the position which he now fills so creditably—clerk of the courts of Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

(I) John Fike, great-great-grandfather of Milton H. Fike, the pioneer ancestor of the Fike family in this country, was born in Switzerland and emigrated to America prior to the War of the Revolution. He settled in the state of Pennsylvania upon a tract of land which was later a portion of York county, and about 1800 migrated westward, locating in Elk Lick township, near St. Paul's church. He was a member of the Amish church and a man of considerable influence in his day. He is buried on the Jerry Keim farm in Elk Lick township. He married ——— Bandrayer, and among their children was a son, Christian, of whom see forward.

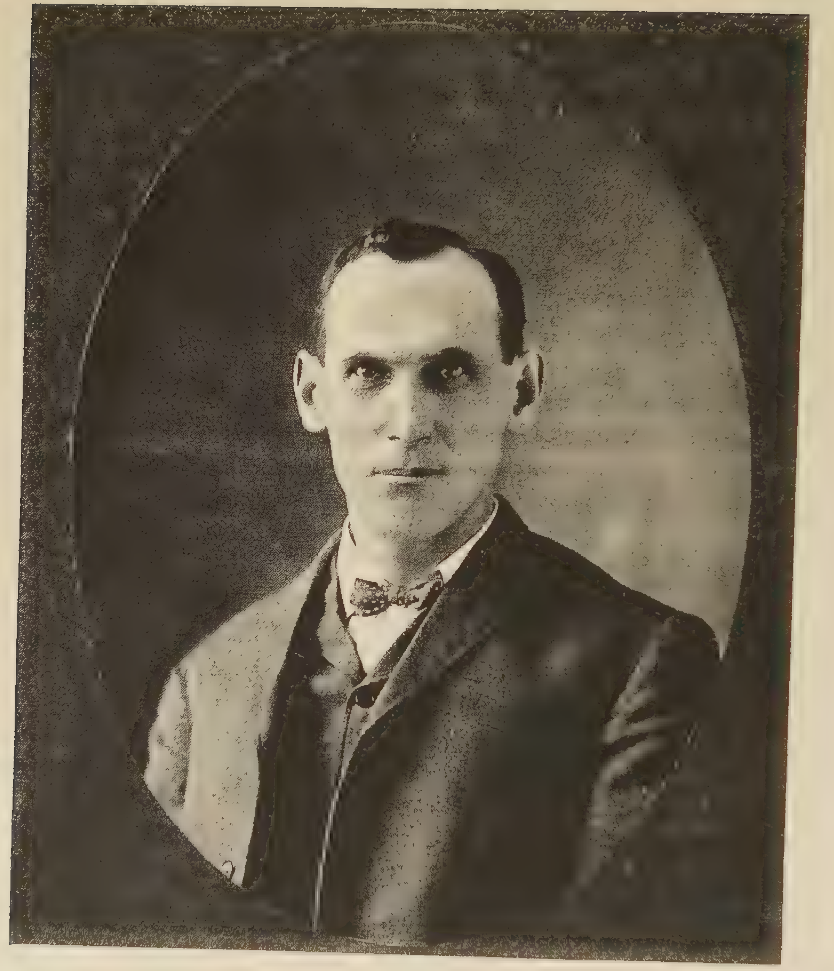
(II) Christian Fike, son of John (1) and ——— (Bandrayer) Fike, was born in 1761, died February 2, 1850, in the ninetieth year of his age. While still young he removed with his father to Elk Lick township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. After his marriage he removed to what was then known as the Jonas Lichty farm, and which is now owned by W. N. Moser. This parcel of land included a farm which later passed into the hands of Joseph Fike, the grandfather of Milton H. Fike, and Daniel M., the father of Milton H. Fike, and is now owned by H. J. Wilmoth, of Meyersdale. At that early day both of these farms were practically a wilderness, and their splendid state of cultivation at the present time is due to the intelligent culture and care given them by the various members of the Fike family. Christian Fike married Christina Livengood, daughter of Peter Livengood, who removed from York county to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, about 1800. Their children were: 1. Barbara, married Jacob Schrock, removed to Milford township, Pennsylvania, and settled on the farm which is now in possession of their grandson, John Schrock. 2. Jacob, married Susan Lichty and resided on the farm now owned by William P. Meyers, in Summit township. 3. Christian, married Susan Beachley, removed to Stony Creek township and later settled in Iowa. 4. Peter, married Magdalene Arnold and moved to Jones' Mill, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. 5. John, married Catherine Miller, moved to the farm now owned by Harvey L. Fike, of Summit township. 6. Joseph, see forward. 7. Elizabeth, married John C. Lichty and lived on the farm now in the possession of W. N. Moser, of Elk Lick township.

(III) Joseph Fike, fifth son and sixth child of Christian

(2) and Christina (Livengood) Fike, was born in Elk Lick township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1799. He died in 1879 and his remains were buried in the graveyard on the farm of Samuel P. Miller. He spent many years of his life on the farm later owned by his son, Daniel M. He married Sally Miller and had children: 1. Elias, born July 24, 1828, now living in Meyersdale borough. 2. Susan, born April 26, 1830, resides with her brother. 3. Samuel R., born December 24, 1831, died in Summit township May, 1906, and is buried in Union cemetery. 4. Anne, born August 3, 1833, married Charles Griffith. She died about seven years ago and her husband died about twelve years ago, and they are buried in the Union cemetery at Meyersdale. 5. Catherine, born April 29, 1835, married William Beal and resides in Meyersdale. 6. John M., born May 24, 1837, resided in Meyersdale until his death a number of years ago, and is buried in Union cemetery in that town. 7. Cyrus J., born May 25, 1839, resides in Summit township on the farm owned by his father at the time of the death of the latter. 8. Jonas J., born April 28, 1841, a resident of Summit township. 9. Daniel M., see forward. 10. David, born October 14, 1845, died in infancy. 11. Mahlon, born January 12, 1850, is now living in Kansas.

(IV) Daniel M. Fike, sixth son and ninth child of Joseph (3) and Sally (Miller) Fike, was born in Elk Lick township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on the old homestead, July 7, 1843. He was educated in the public schools of that district, and then followed the occupation of farming. At the age of twenty-four years he purchased the farm of his father, upon which he resided until 1900. He then disposed of his personal property at a public sale, at the same time selling the old homestead to H. J. Wilmoth, of Meyersdale. He then purchased what was known as the John R. Lichty farm in Summit township and later sold the same to his youngest son, Howard, who is now the occupant. Daniel M. removed to another portion of this piece of property, where he is at present residing. He and his wife are members of the Dunkard or German Baptist church. He married, December 15, 1867, Harriet Miller, born December 19, 1843, died June 6, 1897, daughter of Samuel P. and Susan (Kingaman) Miller, and granddaughter of Peter C. and Catherine (Yoder) Miller. Peter C. Miller was born in Summit township, April 15, 1783, died May 30, 1852. He married Catherine Yoder, born July 10, 1785, died October 18, 1850, and their children were: Elizabeth, John, Jacob, Mary, Peter, Susan, Barbara, Daniel, Samuel P., Catherine, Joseph, Moses, Susanna and Lydia. Samuel P. Miller, father of Mrs. Daniel M. Fike, was born in Summit township, April 17, 1820, died February 22, 1888. His entire life was spent on the homestead farm, about three miles south of Meyersdale, on the road between Meyersdale and Salisbury, which he purchased from his father. About ten years prior to his own death he sold this farm to his son, Samuel S. Miller, who resided on it until his death. The farm is now in the possession of a son of Samuel S. Miller, Howard, who resides on the place. Samuel P. Miller married, in 1840, Susan Klingaman, daughter of John and ——— (Schrock) Klingaman. John Schrock, who was a resident of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, removed to Somerset county about the year 1765. This branch of the Schrock family originally came from Switzerland, and at that time held office under the Swiss government. The Klingamans emigrated from Scotland before the Revolutionary war. There were two brothers who settled on the coast of New England, later moving westward. One located in what is now known as Greenville township, the other in Summit township. These were the pioneer ancestors of the Klingaman family, the country being at the time of their settlement there an entire wilderness. The children of Samuel P. and Susan (Klingaman) Miller were: Barbara, deceased; Joseph S., resides about one mile south of Meyersdale; Harriet, married Daniel M. Fike, as previously stated; John S., deceased; Mary, deceased; Sally, married Ezra Berkley, deceased, resides on a farm about four miles north of Meyersdale, Brothers Valley township, near Berley's Mill; Cornelius, deceased; Lydia, deceased; Caroline, married Frank Walker, lives on a farm about five miles north of Meyersdale in Brothers Valley township; Samuel S., deceased; and Susan, married Joseph G. Mognet, lives in Summit township just south of Meyersdale borough. Mrs. Samuel P. Miller resided on the old homestead in a house built for her prior to the death of her husband until her death, November 5, 1904, at the age of eighty-three years. She was buried in the graveyard on the home farm. The children of Daniel M. and Harriet (Miller) Fike were: Dallas J., married Ida Beachey, daughter of S. A. Beachey, of Elk Lick township, now a resident of Meyersdale borough. Milton H., see forward. Howard, married Susan Gnagey, resides on the John R. Lichty farm, about one and one-half miles south of Meyersdale, in Summit township. Nevin, died at the age of eighteen months.

(V) Milton H. Fike, second son and child of Daniel M. (4) and Harriet (Miller) Fike, was born on the old homestead in Elk Lick township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1874. He was educated in the public schools of his native township and remained on the farm of his father, assisting the latter until he had attained the age of twenty-one years. His education was supplemented by attendance at the Meyersdale preparatory school, of which J. D. Meese, who is now instructor in the California State Normal School, was at that time principal. Milton H. Fike received his first provisional certificate when he was but seventeen years of age, under J. M. Berkey, county superintendent. He taught in the public schools of Elk Lick and Summit townships from the fall of 1892 until the spring of 1900, when he entered the employ of the Deering Harvester Company, of Chicago, Illinois. With them he acted in the capacities of salesman, expert and collector. He severed his connection with this firm July 31, 1902, and accepted a position with the Meyersdale Supply Company, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. This was at the time the largest general store in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Fike held the position of general manager and buyer. He left their employ when they sold their interests to the Somerset Coal Company and joined the Deering Harvester Company in January, 1904. On the 10th of March of the same year he left this company and accepted a position with S. M. Hess & Bros., manufacturers of fertilizers, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving them as general manager and salesman for Southwestern Pennsylvania and Western Maryland. This position he retained until January 1, 1906. In the spring of 1905 he became a candidate of the Republican party for the office of clerk of the quarter sessions and oyer and terminer courts of Somerset county. He received a total vote of three thousand eight hundred at the primary and was nominated for the office. A fusion party was then formed to defeat the Republican candidate, and this party nominated William A. Weaver, of Paint borough, as their candidate. At the fall election, which was held November 7, 1905, Mr. Fike carried thirty-eight precincts out of the total number of fifty in the county, the number of votes cast for him being three thousand one hundred and nine. The combined votes of the fusion party, consisting of the Democratic, Citizens' Union and Orphans' parties, was three thousand two hundred and fifty-seven. The next in line to Mr. Fike—William A. Weaver—received a vote of one thousand seven hundred and twelve, making the majority of Mr. Fike over his nearest opponent one thousand four hundred and seven votes. He was installed in office on the first Monday of January, 1906, in the temporary court house. In the fall of the present year (1906), upon the completion of the new court house, all officials will move to their new quarters. Mr. Fike has been elected to a term of three years. He has already made a reputation for himself by the accuracy and system he has introduced and enforces in the management of the details which come into his province. Although requiring the most exact and careful work from all those under his supervision, yet he has gained



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their love and respect for the uniform justice which characterizes all he does.

He married Grace Shultz, daughter of Peter Shultz, of Summit township, and their children are: Theodore Nevin, aged eleven years; Anna Grace, aged six years.

WILLIAM COLLINS BEGLEY.

William Collins Begley, the well known and highly esteemed sheriff of Somerset county, is a descendant in the sixth generation of John Begley, or O'Begley, as the name was originally spelled.

John O'Begley, afterward John O. Begley, married Mary Hurley in her native town, Belfast, Ireland, in 1750. One child was the fruit of this union, and it was christened James Oliver Begley, probably for two reasons: First, the preservation of the letter O, and, second, love for Oliver Cromwell.

James Oliver Begley located in Cork and married Bridget O'Neil. They had one child, John Patrick.

John Patrick Begley, a native of Cork, married Nora Hogan, also a native of Cork, in 1799. Their second child was named William and was the grandfather of William C. Begley.

William Begley, grandfather of William Collins Begley, was born at Cork, Ireland, in 1804. He emigrated to America in 1823 and three years later married Annie Kelly. William Begley and his wife were the parents of three children: John, born 1829; David, 1833; and Nancy, 1835. Mr. Begley was a stanch supporter of the Republican party.

David Begley, father of William Collins Begley, was born in Springfield township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1833. Left fatherless at the early age of three years, all the education he received was given him by his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kern. Free schools did not exist at that time. He was a private in Company F, Eighty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the trying days of 1861-65. Mr. Begley married Amanda Collins, born March 19, 1841, at Mill Run, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Begley's father was Dr. William Collins, who is especially noted in Somerset county for the geological survey he made many years ago to show the mineral wealth of the county. He was the first discoverer of limestone and the first to urge its value for agricultural purposes. In the burning of lime he constructed the first incline railway in the county, the same extending from the quarry to the kiln. He made patterns for the wheels, built the cars and put the railway in successful operation. The incline railway was at first a great curiosity. By the introduction he suffered pecuniary losses. He was elected associate judge of the Somerset county court in 1882, which position he filled creditably for five years. He practiced dentistry for thirty years, conducting a large and successful business. He was a grandson of Moses Collins, one of the pioneers of Fayette county, and the man who built the first log cabin in the Indian Creek settlement. In politics he was a Republican. Dr. William Collins located and developed the first coal mines in the Meyersdale basin. His father, Henry Collins, enjoys the distinction of having built the first carding mill in either Fayette or Somerset counties.

William Collins Begley, son of David and Amanda (Collins) Begley, was born in Stewart township Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1870. He received his education in the common schools of Fayette and Somerset counties. He lived about three miles from the schoolhouse, and in inclement wintry weather it was a great hardship to make his way there. This had to be endured, however, as the school term was but five months of the year. By occupation Mr. Begley is a farmer. In politics he has always affiliated with the Republican party, having cast his first vote in 1892, when he voted for Benjamin Harrison and Whitelaw Reid. Since that time he has always adhered to the political faith of his family. In January, 1903, at the beginning of his term of office as sheriff of Somerset county, Andrew J. Coleman appointed William Collins Begley as deputy sheriff. In the previous political campaign, in which Mr. Coleman had had aggressive opposition, Mr. Begley, whose acquaintanceship extended over almost the entire county, was Mr. Coleman's most active and effective supporter, and his appointment as deputy sheriff was made by Mr. Coleman in recognition of his loyal and efficient political services.

Mr. Begley entered official life as he had always approached every other task, determined to do his duty. In the many delicate situations that occur in the administration of the sheriff's office, Mr. Begley always acted with consummate tact and exhaustless patience. With the unfortunate he was ever sympathetic and considerate, so that in the wake of his official career he left no enemies but many friends. Indeed, combined with a natural kindness of disposition that is magnetic and contagious, Mr. Begley possesses an intuitive knowledge of human nature enjoyed by few men. In the great miners' strike of 1903-04, lasting throughout the winter, and extending to almost every colliery in Somerset county, when riots and almost every conceivable form of violence were occurring daily, the brunt of the work of preserving the peace fell upon Mr. Begley as chief field deputy. How well he performed his arduous duties is best attested by an admiring and grateful public wherever Chief Begley comes upon the scene of disturbance.

In the riot at Boswell, January 18, 1904, Mr. Begley was wounded four times, but notwithstanding his wounds, he remained in active control of the situation all night, and thereby saved the property of the coal company from destruction. His conduct everywhere compelled the applause of the general public, and his conciliatory treatment of the men and his undoubted bravery inspired the respect and esteem of the strikers themselves.

Several months before the Republican primary election preceding the triennial election of county officers, Mr. Begley was favorably mentioned by many of his admirers as a worthy successor to Sheriff Coleman, when the latter's term of office should have expired. Mr. Begley was very diffident, but the movement for him grew from month to month. The men who arrogated to themselves the Republican leadership of Somerset county did not look upon the Begley boom with approval. Mr. Begley's strong individuality, political independence, and sterling manhood, did not commend him to the managers of the party, and when the Republican slate for 1905 was finally made up, Mr. Begley's name was not upon it. But the Begley boom could not be overlooked; it loomed like a great cloud across the political horizon. Mr. Begley was forced into the political arena by the irresistible demand of the rank and file of his party, and the political tempest which ensued after the formal announcement of his candidacy for the office of sheriff has never been equalled in intensity in the history of Somerset county. The campaign was but of three weeks' duration, but the contest was unprecedentedly fierce. William H. Deeter, Mr. Begley's opponent, was by no means a weak man, and he was supported by every influence and artifice at the command of a dominant political faction. Mr. Begley's fight was made practically without money, while the opposition was plentifully supplied with "the sinews of war." But there are times when the passions of men rise beyond the power of money to divert them from their honestly cherished purposes. Such a time was the Republican campaign of 1905 when the people, on the twenty-fifth day of March, triumphed over their self-appointed masters. The Republican convention was held on the twenty-eight of March, at which time Mr. Begley's nomination was certified with an official majority of one hundred and thirty-four votes, having received two thousand seven hundred and ninety-five votes to two thousand six hundred and sixty-one for Mr. Deeter.

While Mr. Begley has never been a member of any church, he has always been a willing and liberal contributor to the cause of religion, making no distinction as to the denomination which he wished to help. For many years past he has been a regular attendant of the Lutheran church. Mr. Begley is not connected in any way with any society, fraternal, beneficial or otherwise. Mr. Begley is not yet married.

HENRY FRANKLIN BARRON.

Henry Franklin Barron, cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Somerset, descends from German ancestry. George Barron, grandfather of Henry F. Barron, was born in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1784. He married Christena Barclay, who died June 21, 1851. He died January 18, 1852. The children born to them were: George, September 1, 1810; Joseph, March 15, 1812; John C., July 21, 1820, died April 16, 1897; Eliza, January 6, 1825, married Chauncey Marteeny; Polly, who married Frederick Weimer, Sr., of Somerset, Pennsylvania, died in young womanhood. George Barron was a farmer throughout his life. He was a member of the Lutheran church and politically a Democrat. His children are all dead at this writing.

John C. Barron, son of George and Christena (Barclay) Barron, was born July 21, 1820. He was a farmer in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, occupying the old Barron homestead. He was of the Lutheran church faith and obtained a common school education. He was twice married; first to Lavinia, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Hay) Young. They resided in Somerset township. The children born to them were: Araminta, February 26, 1849, married a farmer named Amos A. Adams, now a resident of Waterloo, Iowa; Sophia, April 12, 1850, married James Weimer, a blacksmith of Somerset county, Pennsylvania; Missouri, October 11, 1851, married Cyrus Hemminger, a farmer of Somerset township; Louisa, January 21, 1854, married A. F. Kugs, a farmer and stone mason of Somerset township. The mother of these children died February 22, 1857, and Mr. Barron married (secondly) Catherine, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Queer) Gonder, in 1860, and by this union were born: Henry F., January 11, 1861; Belinda J., May 26, 1863, married Henry Coleman; Annie M., August 31, 1864, married J. A. Berkey, of Somerset, Pennsylvania; Edward C., March 5, 1866, married Carrie M. Berkey; Sadie E., July 18, 1867, married Edward L. Simpson; Lizzie K., March 3, 1869, died January 1, 1881; Nannie K., October 1, 1870, married Wesley Slagle, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; John O. K., November 24, 1872, died January 20, 1881.

Henry F. Barron, son of John C. and Catherine (Gonder) Barron, born January 11, 1861, obtained his education at the common and normal schools of Somerset, his native county. Subsequently he took a thorough course at Duff's Commercial

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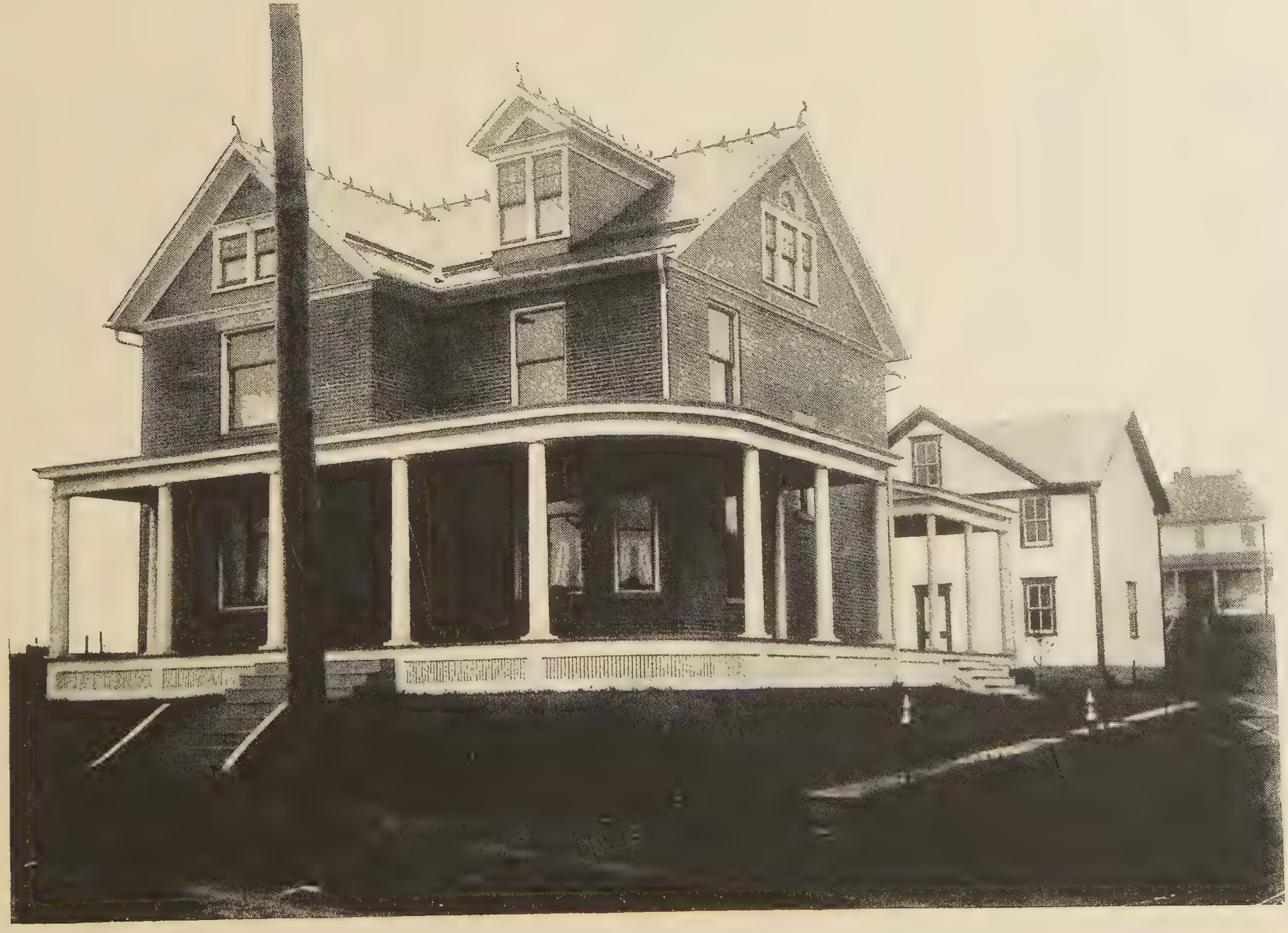

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College of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. From 1879 to January 1, 1891, Mr. Barron followed school teaching in the borough of Somerset and adjacent country districts.

Politically Mr. Barron has always voted and given his hearty support to the Republican party. Among the places of trust he has held in an official capacity may be named: From 1891 to 1894 he was deputy sheriff under Isaiah Good; from 1897 to 1899, inclusive, he was prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Somerset county; was school director in the borough of Somerset during 1898-99-1900; chairman of the Republican county committee for 1900-01; also twice a delegate to the Pennsylvania State Republican Convention—1899 and 1900.

September 4, 1900, when the Farmers' National Bank of Somerset was organized and opened for the transaction of business, he became its cashier, which position he still holds. He is also one of the directors of this bank.

He is a member of the Lutheran church and served as Deacon of Trinity Lutheran church of Somerset for ten years in succession, from 1892 to 1902. He holds a membership in the following civic societies: In Masonry, he belongs to Somerset Lodge, No. 358; Hebron Chapter, No. 272, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania; Oriental Commandery, No. 61, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Harrisburg Consistory, A. A. S. R., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows Order, Somerset Lodge, No. 438; Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 471, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania; Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and Johnstown Lodge, No. 175, of Elks.

Mr. Barron was united in marriage at Lavansville, Pennsylvania, by Rev. L. L. Seiber, pastor of the Lutheran church, April 6, 1882, to Mollie J. Berkey, daughter of Chauncey H. and Elizabeth (Adams) Berkey, of Somerset borough (see Berkey family sketch).

ROBERT SAMUEL MEYERS.

Robert Samuel Meyers, managing editor of the *Gleaner*, Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and secretary of the Gleaner Publishing Company, was born October 21, 1878, the son of David L. and Susan M. (Hay) Meyers, and grandson of Samuel and Magdalena (Lichty) Meyers. The Meyers family originally came from Germany.

David L. Meyers was born in 1842 in Brothers Valley township, near Berlin. He was educated in the Somerset county schools, and was a farmer by occupation. He was a very successful agriculturist, and was held in the highest esteem by his neighbors. Politically he accorded allegiance to the Republican party. In church relations he was a leading member and pillar of the Brethren church, and served as trustee and deacon of same.

David L. Myers married Susan M. Hay, a daughter of George P. and ——— (Miller) Hay, of Somerset county. Mrs. Meyers was educated in the public schools of Somerset county. Three children were born of this union, as follows: Robert S., of whom later; Frank H., who bought and lives on the old homestead farm adjoining Berlin; and Annie B., wife of Edward S. Kimmel, a farmer of Brothers Valley, Somerset county. The death of David L. Meyers occurred in June, 1904. His widow makes her home with her son, Frank H.

Robert Samuel Meyers obtained his early education in the common schools of the county, and also attended Freeburg Musical College. At the age of sixteen he commenced teaching school, and was thus engaged very successfully in several of the county schools for five years. He was a census enumerator for Brothers Valley township on the census of 1900, being then barely twenty-one years of age. After the completion of this work, he went west, visiting the states of Illinois and Iowa, and finally located at Carleton, Thayer county, Nebraska. For two years he taught in the Carleton public schools, and while thus occupied purchased the *Carleton Leader*, a Republican newspaper. He edited that journal for one year, in addition to his school work. At the expiration of his second year of teaching he resigned this work, and gave his entire attention to the newspaper. During this period, Mr. Meyers came back to Somerset, was married, and returned to Nebraska with his wife. They remained in Carleton another year, and in 1903 Mr. Meyers sold out his western interests and removed to Somerset, where he engaged in the manufacture of tobacco. At the time of the death of his father, in 1904, Mr. Meyers removed to Berlin, where he now resides. There he organized a company and purchased the *Gleaner*, a Prohibition paper. Mr. Meyers converted this paper into an independent political sheet, the first one of its kind in the county. He is managing editor of this paper. The enterprise is a successful one, the paper having a generous patronage and the confidence of the public. Mr. Meyers is also secretary of the Gleaner Publishing Company.

In his political affiliations he is an ardent Republican, and interested in all pertaining to the welfare of that organization. Fraternally he holds membership in the I. O. O. F., Berlin Lodge, No. 461, having been identified with this organization since 1899; in 1902 Mr. Meyers joined the Masonic order, and is a member of Gavel Lodge, No. 199, Carleton, Nebraska, in which he served as secretary. He is a member of the Brethren church, having joined the same when he was thirteen years of age.

June 25, 1902 Mr. Meyers married Nellie A. Sipe, daughter of Henry L. and Martha Sipe. Henry L. Sipe is a merchant of Somerset. He was for years in the grocery business, and is now a jobber of manufactured tobacco. When the Farmers' National Bank was organized, Mr. Sipe was its first president, an office which he still holds. His father, Peter Sipe, was one of the oldest Somerset county merchants, and on the discovery of gold in California was one of the party who made the journey overland in wagons. Their hope of finding gold was not realized, and they made the return trip in the same way. Mrs. Meyers was educated in the schools of Somerset. One child, Bernice, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, at Carleton, Nebraska, May 10, 1903.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON BOWMAN.

Benjamin Johnson Bowman, postmaster of Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Jefferson township, October 23, 1864, the son of Cyrus and Matilda (Hay) Bowman, and grandson of John Bowman, who was a prosperous farmer of Somerset county. The original ancestor of the family in this country came from Switzerland, and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Cyrus Bowman (father) was born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He received what education the public schools of that day afforded, and turned his attention to the occupation of a farmer. He was a member of the German Reformed church. He married Matilda Hay, a descendant of a prominent family of this county, daughter of Simon Hay, who was born in 1807. He cast his first presidential vote in 1828, and voted for each succeeding president, down to the second candidacy of William McKinley in 1900. His death occurred in 1903. The death of Cyrus Hay occurred in August, 1878.

Benjamin J. Bowman acquired his early education in the public schools of the county, and later became a pupil in the Meese Preparatory School at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bowman engaged as a school teacher for six years, but relinquished this occupation for agricultural pursuits, being thus engaged for eight years. He removed to Berlin in 1896. In his political affiliations he is a stanch Republican, and has served his township in various offices. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, and the following year was elected to the office of county auditor, which necessitated his resigning the former position. At the expiration of his term as auditor he was again appointed postmaster by President

Roosevelt, which office he now holds. He is also interested in educational affairs, and has served as school director. Mr. Bowman is a member of the Reformed church at Berlin, and has held the offices of deacon and elder of same. He is a well-known citizen of Berlin, and well thought of throughout the community. In the various positions of trust to which he was elected he discharged his duties in a most creditable and efficient manner, thus gaining the confidence and respect of his fellow-townsmen.

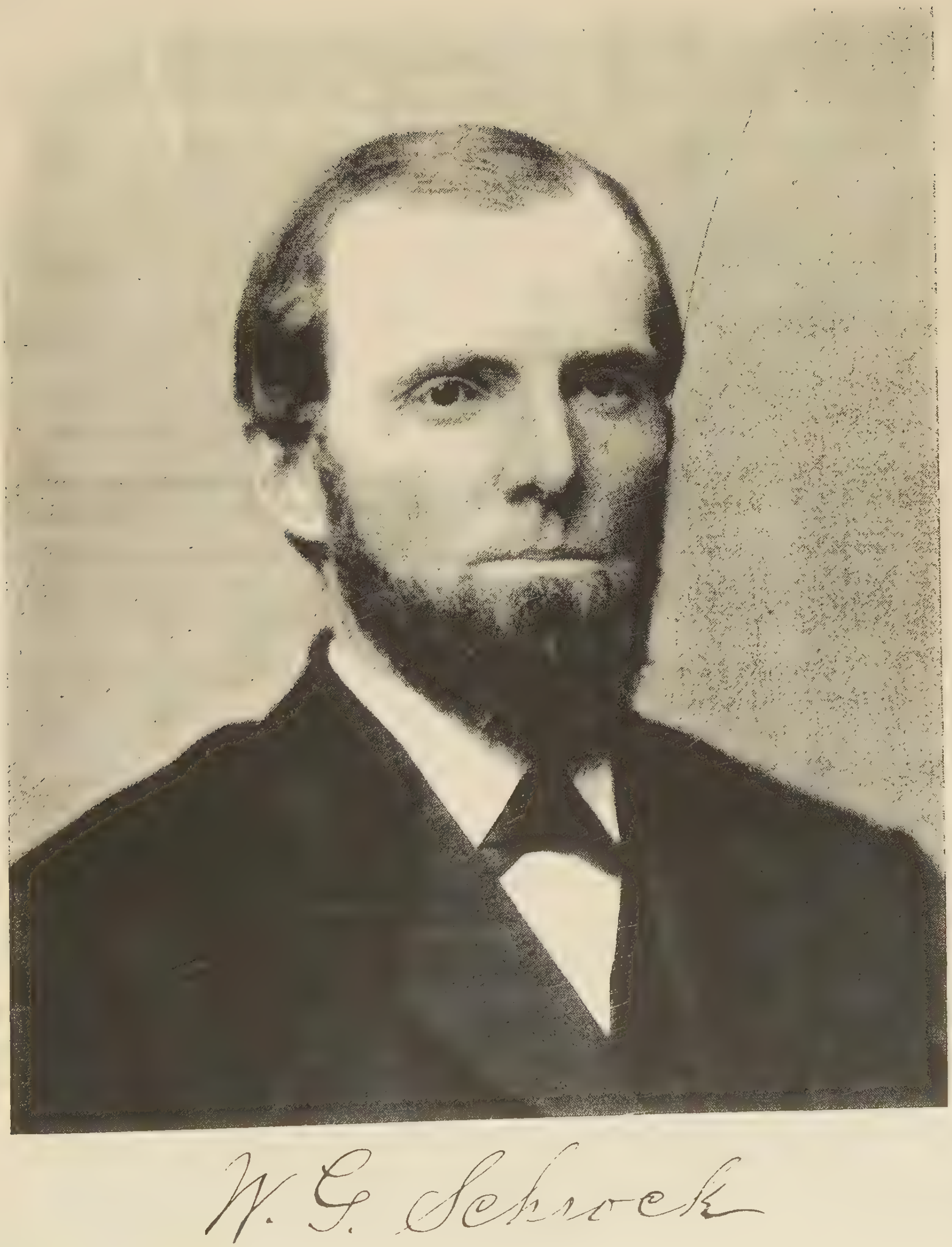
Mr. Bowman married, September 4, 1887, Minnie Stahl, daughter of Samuel and Druscilla (Walker) Stahl, the former a blacksmith. Mrs. Bowman was educated in the public schools, and during her husband's term of office as county auditor, was appointed postmistress to fill out his unexpired term, and filled this position very satisfactorily for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have children as follows: Vida M., Clarence H., Mary E., Eugene K., Benjamin S., and John Oliver. These children all live with their parents and are attending school.

REV. WILLIAM G. SCHROCK.

Rev. William G. Schrock, bishop of the Brothers Valley congregation of the German Baptist church, was born March 27, 1840, in Donegal township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a son of George and Susan (Horner) Schrock.

Christian Schrock (grandfather) was the founder of the family in America. He was a native of Germany, born 1780, came to this country in 1805, settling on a farm in Brothers Valley, which has since been made into two farms, now owned by Rev. William G. Schrock and E. L. Knepper. The farm originally comprised three hundred acres, and Christian followed farming exclusively. He married Franie Good, who was born in 1789 and died in 1870, aged ninety-one years. Her father was a large land owner of Brothers Valley. This couple were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to a good old age. One daughter, who is still living near Somerset, married Rev. Jacob Spicher, deceased. Christian Schrock died in 1847, aged sixty-seven years.

George Schrock, son of Christian Schrock, was born on his father's farm, in 1816. He was educated in the public schools of his native place, and studied for the ministry. For many years previous to his death he was bishop of the Brothers Valley congregation of the German Baptist church. Although the owner and manager of his farm, his life was largely devoted to church work. In politics he was first a Whig, but after the formation of the Republican party gave his support to that organization. In 1838 he married Susan Horner, a daughter of David and Elizabeth Horner, of Summit township. She was born in



W. G. Schrock

1818 and died in 1865. The children of this marriage were: William G., of whom later; and Rebecca, who was born in 1842, married Samuel F. Rieman and is living with her son, George, near Berlin. George Schrock's useful life came to an end in 1892.

Rev. William G. Schrock received his initial education in the public schools of the county and later attended the summer normal schools. He also spent some time at Juniata College, at Juniata, Pennsylvania, and taught for several terms in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one he connected himself with the German Baptist church of Brothers Valley, his father being bishop of the congregation. He now owned and conducted his farm, and commenced a course of reading and study, preparing himself for a ministerial career. In 1880 he was elected a minister of the first degree, passed to the second and in 1890 was ordained a regular minister of the German Baptist church, with full power and authority. He is now bishop of the Brothers Valley congregation, comprising five churches, who are guided in their spiritual affairs by Rev. Mr. Schrock, Rev. Daniel H. Walker, Rev. J. J. Shaffer, Rev. P. U. Miller and Rev. S. U. Shober. Rev. Mr. Schrock has always been a firm believer in the value of Sabbath schools in connection with churches, and in the face of considerable opposition was the first to establish them in Brothers Valley congregation. All societies for the encouragement of religious work among the young meet with his hearty commendation and support, notable among these being the Christian Workers, the young people's society in his congregation. Mr. Schrock has now practically retired from farming life and devotes his entire attention to his pastoral duties, at home and in other fields. He has a fine library of theological and metaphysical books, and this collection he is constantly increasing. A glance over the shelves shows the wide range of his studies, and his books are a sure index to his broad enlightened mind and character. He is a member of the Western District Conference of Pennsylvania, and has several times been a delegate to the International Conference, at which delegates assemble from all parts of the world. In political affiliations Rev. Schrock is strictly independent.

He married, December 13, 1860, Rebecca Walker, a daughter of Rev. Daniel P. (a minister in the German Baptist church) and Elizabeth (Horner) Walker, and who was born May 25, 1838. Her parents were married about 1830, and reared a family of eight children. Their son, Daniel H. Walker, is a minister of the German Baptist church. Mrs. Schrock was born, educated and married in Stony Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock have one child, Emma S., who was born on the home farm November 3, 1865. She was educated in the county public and normal schools, and also attended Juniata College. She married E. L. Knepper, a farmer and stock dealer. She is the mother of one son, and her home, adjoining her father's, is a part of the original Christian Schrock homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock adopted a nephew, Galen K. Walker, in babyhood. He was given a good elementary education and was then sent to Juniata College, from which institution he graduated with honor. He is now twenty-two years of age, a fine speaker and gives great promise of becoming a leading spirit in whatever profession he embraces. He is very dear to the hearts of his adopted parents, who take the deepest inerest in his career.

EPHRAIM J. WALKER.

Ephraim J. Walker, secretary of the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset County, was born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1845. He is a son of Jonathan G. and Matilda (Hay) Walker, and grandson of George G. and Catherine (Coleman) Walker, descendants of a German ancestry.

Jonathan G. Walker (father) was born in Brothers Valley, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1815. He was educated in the township schools, and throughout his active career followed the occupations of farmer and carpenter. He was a member of the Lutheran church, in which he held the offices of deacon and elder, and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican. By his marriage to Matilda Hay, daughter of Francis P. Hay, the following named children were born: Drucilla, who became the wife of Samuel Stahl; Joseph, married Lucinda Engle; Melinda, who became the wife of Daniel Altfather; Irwin, married Lillian Dively; and Ephraim J., of whom later. Jonathan G. Walker died May 17, 1874, aged fifty-nine years. His wife survived him many years, passing away October 7, 1899.

Ephraim J. Walker attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home, and worked on the farm with his father until after his marriage, at the age of twenty-three, when he removed to Winchester, Virginia, but after a residence of a few months there returned to his native state and settled on a farm in Summit township, where he lived for a number of years. After the death of his father, in 1874, he settled on the home farm, which had previously been owned in succession by his grandfather and father, and which is now owned and operated by himself. In 1875 the Farmers Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset County received a charter from the state to conduct the business of fire insurance among the farmers of Somerset county. The first secretary of the company was Ezra Berkley, and he was succeeded by Mr. Walker, who served as both secretary and treasurer for two years and as treasurer for three years. In 1892 he was again elected to the office of secretary, in which capacity he is now serving. This company has been exceedingly successful in its operations, and is on a sound financial basis. December 31, 1905, they had $4,357,872 of business in force, and had paid losses up to the same date amounting to $153,681.84. Total amount of premiums received, $165,239.85.

The esteem in which Mr. Walker is held by his fellow-citizens is evidenced by the fact that he was chosen to fill the offices of school director, inspector and auditor, being the incumbent of the latter at the present time (1906). He has been for many years a member of the Lutheran church, in which he holds the offices of trustee and deacon, and is also a teacher in the Sabbath school connected therewith. Although Mr. Walker is now sixty years of age, he is hale and hearty, and he divides his time between the duties of his secretaryship and his farm, although his sons relieve him of a large share of the work and responsibility of the latter. Throughout his long and honorable career he has fulfilled every trust reposed in him, and his character is without blemish.

At Somerset, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1868, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Sarah Berkley, born May 16, 1848, died March 5, 1896, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Hauger) Berkley. She was educated in the public schools of her native township, and was an active member of the Brethren church. The children of this marriage were as follows: Anna V., born December 30, 1868, in Winchester, Virginia, married Charles E. Boyer, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. ———, died in infancy. Ollie M., born April 9, 1872, in Summit township, Pennsylvania, is the wife of Charles B. Dickey. Clinton, born December 10, 1874, in Summit, Pennsylvania, died March 2, 1881. Forrest O., born April 16, 1877, in Brothers Valley, Pennsylvania, died February 22, 1881. Carrie A., born September 21, 1879, in Brothers Valley, Pennsylvania, became the wife of Sylvester Baer. She is the assistant secretary of the Fire Insurance Company above referred to, and they make their home with her father, Ephraim J. Walker, by whom Mr. Baer is employed on the farm. Lydia M. P., born April 6, 1882, died May 21, 1895. Marling G., born September 8, 1884, resides at home and assists his father in the work of the farm. Orville Ray, born March 6, 1887, resides at home. George C., born May 26, 1889, died April 5, 1890. Dalton L., born September 25, 1890, resides at home. Gladys M., born May 12, 1893, died October 14, 1895. These children were given the advantages of a good education, and consequently are well fitted for their several stations in life.

CHARLES A. FLOTO.

Charles A. Floto, a leading manufacturer of Berlin, is a son of Charles Floto (I), who was born in Germany, and in 1846 emigrated to the United States, settling in Berlin, where he learned the trade of cigarmaking with Henry Floto, who was the first tobacco manufacturer in the town. Charles soon became a manufacturer himself, making what are known as "Berlin stogies," and conducting the business until 1862. He then obtained a contract for carrying the United States mail between Berlin and Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and for eight years was employed in this manner. The remainder of his life he was a small farmer. In politics he was a Democrat. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church.

(I) Charles Floto married, in 1846, Wilhelmina Specht, a native of Germany, and in the same year he and his bride sought a new home across the sea, where the following children were born to them: Charles A., of whom later; Augustus C., a prominent merchant of Berlin; Theodore H., cigar manufacturer of Berlin; Harmon, cigarmaker of Berlin; Matilda, wife of Newton Berkebile; Minnie, wife of R. C. Heffley, hardware merchant of Berlin; and William, of Shanksville, traveling salesman. Mr. Floto died in 1897, at the age of seventy-six, and his widow, who is now eighty-seven years old, is in the enjoyment of good health.

(II) Charles A. Floto, son of Charles and Wilhelmina (Specht) Floto, was born April 13, 1847, in Berlin, where he attended the public schools until the age of eleven years, when he began learning cigar-making under the instruction of his father. He worked at his trade until 1862, when he ran away from home and enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in which, owing to his youth, he was obliged to enroll as a drummer. Notwithstanding this, however, he never struck a drum, but drew a gun which he carried throughout the war. The regiment took part in thirty-eight battles, beginning with Fredericksburg and including Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Petersburg and the Wilderness, and was present at the surrender at Appomattox. In all the marches and privations Mr. Floto, despite his youth, bore his full part and never missed a battle or a skirmish. Not one day was he absent from the regiment, and was never seriously ill, wounded or captured. He was probably the youngest regular soldier from Pennsylvania who served his full term of enlistment. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and mustered out.

After his return home he resumed the trade of cigarmaking, at which he worked for two years in Johnstown. He had then accumulated some money, which he invested in a cigar factory in Berlin under his own management and ownership. There he has since remained, building up a large wholesale trade in the noted "Berlin tobies." His leading brands, for which he has an extensive sale, are the B and O, the Senator, the Blue Point and the Shafter. He also has a good trade in special makes among consumers in Somerset and the adjoining counties. The factory turns out from two to two and one-half million tobies annually.

Since the organization, in 1898, of the Co-operative Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Berlin, Mr. Floto has been its vice-president, and he is also one of the directors of the First National Bank of Berlin. He has served the borough of Berlin as school director, councilman and three times as chief burgess. He is serving his fourth term as commander of Post No. 241, G. A. R., of Berlin, and is a member of Berlin Lodge, No. 471, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all chairs. He also affiliates with Meyersdale Lodge, No. 551, F. and A. M. In politics he is a Democrat, but cast his first presidential vote in 1872 for the Prohibition candidate in preference to the one nominated by the Democrats. This was probably the first Prohibition vote ever cast in the township. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church of Berlin, in which he has served as deacon.

Mr. Floto married, June 19, 1870, Ruth, born January 15, 1851, daughter of Auguste Kerl, of Berlin. Mrs. Floto is of German ancestry, both her parents being natives of the Fatherland. She was educated in the Berlin schools. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Floto consists of the following children: Robert H., born March 16, 1873, cigarmaker of Berlin, married Clara, daughter of Francis Knepper, and has two children, Leroy and Mildred; Annie M., born November 18, 1874, at home, educated in Berlin schools; H. Wilson, born December 29, 1885, cigarmaker, lives at home. All the children are members of the Lutheran church, H. Wilson being an active worker in the Sunday school and in other branches of young men's church work. He is a speaker and writer of great promise and a young man of good business ability. Both he and his brother are active members of the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Floto has a very pretty residence, furnished with all modern improvements and situated on Berlin's main street, which he purchased in 1898. Although still in active business, he feels that it is nearly time to take off the harness which for well nigh half a century he has worn so faithfully.

ROBERT P. BRANT.

Robert P. Brant, of Shanksville, is a great-grandson of Christian Brant, who came from Dauphin county to Stony Creek township in 1795 and settled near the site of Shanksville, on the Lazear farm. His children were: Christian; Abram, an 1812 soldier; Samuel; Adam, of whom later; George; Elizabeth, wife of Caspar Keller; and Eve, wife of Jacob Keller. Mr. Brant died suddenly while on a hunting trip.

Adam Brant, son of Christian Brant, was born in 1785 in Dauphin county and was a carpenter and wheelwright, working at his trade for forty years in this county. He was a Whig and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Brant married Elizabeth Grove and their children were: Jacob, married Maria Burkett and removed to Iowa, where he died; Sarah, wife of John Lutz, died at the age of eighty-one; Eliza, deceased, was wife of Joseph Keefer; Joseph, of Berlin, married Mary Woy; Leah, deceased, was wife of Benjamin Keefer; Susan, deceased, was wife of Henry Grady; Sophia; Chauncey A., of whom later. Mr. Brant died near Shanksville in 1847.

Chauncey A. Brant, son of Adam and Elizabeth (Grove) Brant, was born June 12, 1832, and learned the saddler's trade in Stoyestown, receiving two dollars and a half for eighteen months' works. He afterward worked at his trade in Pittsburg and for several years in Shanksville. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving with the rank of first sergeant until May, 1863, when he was honorably discharged. For forty years Mr. Brant has been a merchant in Shanksville. He has served as school director, for twenty years held the office of justice of the peace, and for the last eight years has been postmaster. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Brant married, May 12, 1855, Susan, born May 8, 1833, daughter of George Rayman, and their children were: Robert P., of whom later; Araminta, wife of D. S. Wilson, of Shanksville, has one child, Lee, who married Susan Blackburn and has one child, Robert F.; Jennie S., wife of Lincoln Hull, merchant of Spring Hope, Bedford county; Richard J., merchant of Shanksville, married Eva Heffley; Foster F., partner of Richard J., married Rose Ream. Mrs. Brant is a member of the Lutheran church.

Robert P. Brant, son of Chauncey A. and Susan (Rayman) Brant, was born May 20, 1856, in Shanksville, where he received his preparatory education in the public schools, afterward attending the normal schools of Somerset and Berlin. After completing his education he taught for five years in the schools of Stony Creek township, and then entered commercial life as a traveling salesman for a Philadelphia wholesale grocery house, taking Somerset and Bedford counties as his field of labor. Since 1887 he has conducted a drug store in Shanksville, being a registered druggist, qualified to practice anywhere in Pennsylvania. For ten years he has served as justice of the peace, and for the last eight years has been assistant postmaster, the office being situated in his store. He belongs to Shanksville Camp, No. 7325, Modern Woodmen, and is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Lutheran church, which he has served as deacon and elder, and for fifteen years has been superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Brant married, December 12, 1878, Miriam A. Wilson. They have no children. Mrs. Brant is a daughter of Abraham Wilson, who was born December 12, 1828, and is a retired miller of Shanksville. He is a Democrat and a member of the United Brethren church, as is his wife, Catharine Baltzer, who was born in 1839. Their daughter Miriam was born December 31, 1854, was educated in the common and normal schools and became the wife of Robert P. Brant. She is a member of the Lutheran church.

ROBERT C. HEFFLEY.

Robert C. Heffley, of Berlin, is a grandson of John Heffley, who in 1815 came to Berlin from Berks county, Pennsylvania. He was a tanner by trade and was twice married, his first wife being Barbara Swartz, who bore him the following children, all of whom are deceased: William, Druscilla (Mrs. Alex. Brubaker), and Julia Ann. John Heffley's second wife was Elizabeth Keffer, and their children were: Charles A., of whom later; Albert, enlisted in August, 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Captain F. H. Edmundson, served as first lieutenant, captured at Gettysburg and for twenty months confined in Southern prisons, promoted to captain and at close of war honorably discharged, married Minnie Stoner and lives in Berlin; Alexander, Joseph and Gersham B., all deceased; James, clergyman at Canal Manchester, Ohio; Samuel, of Berlin; Harriet, wife of Dr. Right, of Berlin; Elizabeth, wife of E. H. Anawalt; Ellen C., wife of C. P. Heffley, of Somerset; Clara, deceased. The father of this family died in 1873 at the age of eighty-one.

Charles A. Heffley, son of John and Elizabeth (Keffer) Heffley, was born August 8, 1833, and followed his father's trade, owning and operating a tannery in Berlin. He was an active politician and a strong Democrat. Mr. Heffley married, August 22, 1859, Judith A., born October 20, 1832, daughter of Alexander and Nellie (Crigler) Philson, the former for many years a merchant of Berlin, a noted land surveyor and for thirty years justice of the peace. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heffley: Margaret E., of Berlin; Robert C., of whom later; Rose E., of Berlin; John A., clerk in Berlin, married Minnie Suder and has three children, Stewart, Emmeline and Louise; Annetta, wife of George P. Brubaker, coal operator and manufacturer of Berlin, has one child, Robert D.; Emma B., wife of C. W. Krissinger, manager of Berlin Mercantile Company; Nellie, wife of S. Platt Zimmerman, fireman on Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Mr. Heffley died June 3, 1885, and his widow was appointed by President Cleveland postmistress of Berlin, which office she held the full term of four years. She is still living in Berlin and is a member of the Lutheran church.

Robert C. Heffley, son of Charles A. and Judith A. (Philson) Heffley, was born January 2, 1863, in Berlin, where he received his education in the common and normal schools. He began his business life as a worker in and around the coal mines of the vicinity, and in December, 1883, entered the service of C. A. M. Krissinger, a hardware merchant of Berlin, with whom he remained six years in the capacity of clerk. In the summer of 1889 he left the store and for a few months worked in a creamery, returning in the autumn to the store, now conducted by Krissinger & Kuitz, where he remained until 1897. On May 1 of that year Mr. Heffley opened a general hardware store in Berlin, which he still conducts, employing two clerks and doing a large business. In addition to the regular hardware stock he deals in wagons, buggies, farm machinery, paint, oils, etc.

He has served as school director, auditor and chief burgess of Berlin. In 1896 he was elected justice of the peace, and in 1901 was re-elected, making ten yars of continuous service in that office. In 1906 was again elected, making his third term. He was in 1906 candidate on the Democratic ticket for prothonotary of Somerset county. He is a member of Meyersdale Lodge, No. 554, F. and A. M.; Berlin Lodge, No. 461, I. O. O. F.; Berlin Lodge, No. 122, Order of Maccabees, and Berlin Lodge, No. 7170, Modern Woodmen of America. In the I. O. O. F. and in the Maccabees he has passed all chairs and in the former order holds the rank of past grand. He and his wife are members of Trinity Lutheran church of Berlin.

Mr. Heffley married, July 12, 1893, Minnie, born September 4, 1859, in Berlin, daughter of Charles Floto, of that town, in the schools of which she received her education. Mr. and

Mrs. Heffley are the parents of two daughters: Judith Ray, born June 17, 1894; and Edith Marie, born November 1, 1895. Both these children are pupils in the Berlin schools.

JACOB G. KIMMEL.

Jacob G. Kimmel, of Downey, born September 2, 1850, son of Josiah and Susan (Glessner) Kimmel, traces his descent from Jacob Kimmel, who was born May 6, 1757, in Lancaster county, and about the period of the Revolution came to Somerset county. He settled in Stony Creek township, where his farm was one of the first clearings. He was a Whig and a member of the United Brethren church. Jacob Kimmel's wife was Mary Hoffman, born December 26. 1760, and the following were their children: Abraham, Jacob, John, Solomon, Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Shank; Ludwig, Mary, wife of Peter Newcomer; Peter, Michael, and Jonathan, of whom later. Jacob Kimmel died November 14, 1824, and his widow passed away May 11, 1838.

Jonathan Kimmel, son of Jacob and Mary (Hoffman) Kimmel, was born January 28, 1798, in Stony Creek township, and made farming his life-work. He held the offices of supervisor, school director and county commissioner, was a Whig and a member of the United Brethren church. Mr. Kimmel married, July 24, 1818, Susan Meyers, born January 3, 1799, and their children were: Mary, wife of Josiah Walker, deceased; Michael, deceased; Josiah, of whom later; John M., retired farmer of Jefferson township; Daniel, Noah, Elizabeth, and Susan, wife of Moses Gashaw, all of whom are deceased; and Jonathan J., retired farmer of Berlin. The death of Mr. Kimmel occurred July 7, 1878, and that of his widow January 14, 1883.

Josiah Kimmel, son of Jonathan and Susan (Meyers) Kimmel, was born May 22, 1824, in Stony Creek township. He was a farmer and the owner of the homestead, the tract originally settled by his grandfather, Jacob Kimmel. He filled the offices of supervisor and school director, and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was a member of the Brethren church, in which he was always a prominent worker, serving as both deacon and elder. He married, February 18, 1847, Susan, born November 5, 1829, daughter of Joseph and Catharine Glessner, and great-granddaughter of Elder Jacob Glessner, whose unprovoked murder caused so great a sensation throughout the county, and especially in Berlin, which was the scene of the tragedy. Josiah and Susan Kimmel were the parents of the following children: Kate, born November 4, 1848, wife of Alexander Hillegass, farmer of Allegheny township, had eight children, died April 20, 1890. Jacob G., of whom later. Ellen, born October 8, 1853, wife of John Croner, farmer of Brothers Valley township, had six children, died December 17, 1893. Joseph L., born February 18, 1856, minister of United Brethren church, Dayton, Ohio, married (first) Vida Schrock, and after her death Alice Musser, who died March 8, 1906, at Gratis, Ohio; four children by each marriage. Milton J., born March 8, 1860, active politician and county clerk, married Agnes, daughter of Dr. Ray, of Wilsey, Kansas, had two children, died in Wilsey, 1902. Jonathan E., born September 12, 1862, died January 2, 1865. Ida, born November 1, 1864, died January 6, 1883, a few weeks after her marriage to John Ross. Edmund B., born September 17, 1870, owns and operates the homestead farm, married Lizzie Schrock, has four children. The father of this family died December 21, 1903, and the mother is still living in her home in Downey, in good health and very active at the age of seventy-seven. She is a member of the Brethren church.

Jacob G. Kimmel, son of Josiah and Susan (Glessner) Kimmel, was educated in the public schools of Stony Creek township and at the normal school. He worked on the farm for his father until of age, when he married and bought the farm at Downey, which he still owns. This estate consists of two tracts of one hundred and forty-six and one hundred and seventy acres, respectively, and on this land Mr. Kimmel conducted a general farming and stock-raising business. He was a very enthusiastic stockman and raised fine specimens, constantly seeking then, as he does to-day, to improve his breeds, which were and are in many cases pure blooded. There is on the farm a sugar camp of five hundred vessels and also good orchards. Mr. Kimmel also owns the Peter Kimmel farm of one hundred and seventy acres, adjoining the one before mentioned.

In 1884 Mr. Kimmel took up the study of surveying, and after perfecting himself in this art became an expert whose services were much in demand, being called upon to survey farm, coal and lumber lands in his own and adjoining counties. He surveyed completely the extensive coal lands of the Niver Coal Company, a circuit of nineteen miles, and it was at this time that he formed the acquaintance of Major Philip A. Shaffer, manager for the company, the acquaintance ripening into a warm friendship, which still exists. In 1884 Mr. Kimmel laid out the town of Downey in the center of his own land, the South Pennsylvania railroad being then engaged in building their line through his farm. The collapse of the railroad nipped this enterprise in the bud, although Downey is quite a thriving little hamlet, with postoffice, stores and pleasant homes. There, in 1902, Mr. Kimmel built his present residence, erecting at the same time a structure in which he carries on the business of a general country store. He then retired from farm life in favor of his son. Mr. Kimmel's mother is his next-door neighbor and is the object of his constant care. Mr. Kimmel was one of the promoters of the Farmers' Union Telephone Co., and has been the treasurer of that company since its organization. This line extends from Shanksville to Berlin. He has held the offices of assessor and school director and is a Republican in politics, having cast his first presidential vote for Ulysses S. Grant. He and his wife are members of the Brethren church, in which for twenty years he has served as deacon, being also superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Kimmel married, November 10, 1870, Hester, born July 10, 1848, daughter of Peter R. Hillegass, of Bedford county, and their children were: Albert P., born December 3, 1871, educated in public schools of Stony Creek township and Berlin normal school, began teaching at the age of seventeen and for thirteen years taught in the public schools; now lives on and cultivates his father's farm. He married Mollie, daughter of Jacob Stutzman, and has three children, Marion H., Mildred and Charles C., aged respectively ten, eight and five years. Charles A., born December 8, 1874, died December 16, 1875. The mother of these two sons died May 6, 1875, and on December 26, 1876, Mr. Kimmel married Abia Reel. They have no children.

Mrs. Kimmel is a daughter of William Reel and a granddaughter of Mathias Reel, who was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where his German ancestors had settled on their arrival from France, whither they had fled on being driven by religious persecution from their native land. William Reel was a native of Stoystown and was by trade a shoemaker. He bought a farm on the Bedford pike and there conducted a hotel for the entertainment of the throngs of travelers which in those days made use of that thoroughfare. He served as county auditor and commissioner, was a Republican in politics and a member of the Lutheran church. William Reel married Sarah, daughter of Levi Gribble, who was of English descent and a veteran of the Mexican war. Mr. and Mrs. Reel were the parents of a son and a daughter: Matthias D., ex-prothonotary of Somerset county; and Abia, born October 18, 1848, educated in public schools, wife of Jacob G. Kimmel.

MILLER FAMILY.

The founder of the numerous family of which Irvin E. Miller and Edward H. Miller, both of Berlin, are representatives, was Christian Miller, who was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to the United States, settling in Somerset county on a farm which has never since been out of the Miller family. He was a Whig and a member of the Mennonite church. Christian Miller married Susan Musser, and after her death, at the early age of twenty-eight, took for his second wife Elizabeth Ross. By these marriages he became the father of the following children: Tobias, of whom later; Peter, and five daughters, who married, respectively, Christian Baer, Henry Stutzman, William Levitt, Samuel Rhoads, and George Geisel, who was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg. Christian Miller, the father, died in 1865, at the age of eighty-four.

Tobias Miller, son of Christian and Susan (Musser) Miller, was born in 1813, and was a farmer of Stony Creek township. He adhered to the Republican party, and served as deacon and elder in the Reformed church. Mr. Miller married Margaret, daughter of Benjamin Kimmel, and their children were: Benjamin, who lives with his widowed sister, Mrs. Stutzman; Mary, widow of Jacob Stutzman, has twelve children; Peter T., of whom later; Sarah, wife of John Stutzman, has five children; Jeremiah, deceased; William, deceased; John, farmer at Liste, married Margaret Sorber, has four children; Charles, farmer of Stony Creek township, married Lucy Schrock, has two children; Susan, married Joseph Glessner and after his death Mahlon Forney; Harriet, wife of John M. Topper, merchant of New Baltimore, has six children. The death of Mr. Miller occurred July 30, 1885.

Peter T. Miller, son of Tobias and Margaret (Kimmel) Miller, was born July 30, 1842, and on August 5, 1862, enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was present at the battle of Antietam and also at that of Fredericksburg, where he received a wound in the left breast which kept him a month in the hospital. After his recovery he rejoined his regiment and fought at Chancellorsville, being honorably discharged May, 1863. After his return home he settled on the Miller homestead, near the Glade church, in Stony Creek township, and there led the life of a farmer until recently, when he sold the property to his son, Edward H. Miller, and retired to Berlin. He has held the offices of assessor and tax collector, is past commander of Mark Collins Post No. 3440, G. A. R., of Berlin, and is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Reformed church, in which he has served as deacon and elder.

Peter T. Miller married, April 25, 1865, Sarah Landis, born June 2,, 1845, and they were the parents of the following children: Irvin E., of whom later. Mary J., born March 10, 1869, wife of Joseph Walker, farmer of Stony Creek township, has two children, Robert and Darl. Edward H., of whom later. Abraham L., born January 20. 1872, farming with his brother, Edward H. Emma B., born December 8, 1873, wife of William Stull, farmer of Stony Creek township. Maggie C., born September 11, 1875, died July 9, 1896. Henry T., born February 11, 1878, died January 3, 1879. Oscar, born March 13, 1879, died July 10, 1886. Roscoe C., born April 24, 1884, married Ada Carver, has two children, Grace and Amanda. Mrs. Miller, the mother of the family, died September 13, 1893. She was a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Miller married, September 5, 1895, Elmira (Bittner), widow of William H. Shockey, the issue of this marriage being one child, Zeta E., born September 16, 1899.

Irvin E. Miller, son of Peter T. and Sarah (Landis) Miller, was born February 21, 1866, on the Samuel Kuhns farm in Stony Creek township, and received his education in the Glade public school. He worked for his father on the farm until the age of twenty-one, when he married and settled on a farm which he rented of his father. After cultivating this land for three years he purchased of his father-in-law a farm in Stony Creek township, near Roxbury, consisting of one hundred and forty-six acres. On this farm, which he still owns, he resided thirteen years. It is a fine property, all but two acres being under cultivation. The house is a solid brick two-story structure, erected in 1835, the barn having been built in 1838. Both are in good condition. Mr. Miller works this farm, but rents the house to one of his employes. After living thirteen years on this estate, Mr. Miller purchased a second farm of one hundred and forty-five acres, on which he now makes his home. The patented name of this property is "Sugar Bottom Farm." It is well improved and kept in splendid condition. The grain raised is all used on the farm, but much of the hay crop goes to market. There is a sugar camp of seven hundred vessels, producing annually about twenty-five hundred pounds of maple sugar and syrup. Both this farm and the other have valuable orchards. Mr. Miller is an extensive stock raiser, buyer and feeder. His horses, which number ten, are good, two being full-blooded Percheron, and his cattle, of which he has forty, are of a good breed and quality. His dwelling is of a very handsome modern type, with appropriate grounds and surroundings. Mr. Miller belongs to the Sons of Veterans, of Berlin, and advocates the principles of the Republicans. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church, which he has served as deacon.

Irvin E. Miller married, September 2, 1886, Ellen N., born May 7, 1867, daughter of Jacob J. Glessner and sister of Frank P. Glessner. She was educated in the public schools. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Miller consists of the following children: Oscar T., born February 21, 1888, assists his father on the farm, member of the Reformed church; Jacob J. and Peter H.

(twins), born May 8, 1892, attending school; Alda May and Alton (twins), born June 8, 1898, the latter died at the age of three months and the former is at school; also, a daughter, Lottie, born March 20, 1889, died at the age of three months.

Edward H. Miller, son of Peter T. and Sarah (Landis) Miller, was born October 7, 1870, on the homestead, and obtained his education in the Glade public school. He remained on the farm with his father until of age, and at this period married, after which, for two years, he lived on the homestead, working for wages. He then purchased the farm and still owns and cultivates it. The estate consists of two hundred and twenty-five acres, mostly under cultivation, and is a fine property, with large and modern improvements. The barn, measuring fifty-two by one hundred and three feet, was built in 1890, and the house in 1888, both having been erected by Peter T. Miller. The place is well stocked with a good grade of horses, cattle and sheep, and in addition to the stock raised on the farm Mr. Miller buys and feeds for the market. There are good apple orchards and a sugar camp of six hundred and fifty vessels, producing annually twenty-five hundred pounds of maple sugar. Mr. Miller is serving his second term as school director of Stony Creek township, and affiliates with the Republicans. He and his wife are members of the Glade congregation of the Reformed church, Mr. Miller being an ex-deacon and also belonging to the Sunday school.

Edward H. Miller married, April 21, 1891, Ida M. Will, and two children have been born to them: Webster, aged fourteen; and Maggie, aged ten. Mrs. Miller is a daughter of John H. Will, who was born September 10, 1845, and during the Civil war served in Company K, Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, being honorably discharged at the close of the war. Mr. Will was a farmer until 1901, when he built a home in Downey and opened a grocery and feed store, which he has since conducted. He has served as school director and supervisor and is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church, in which he serves as elder and of which he has been treasurer for twenty years. Mr. Will married, January 23, 1868, Catherine, born July 24, 1844, daughter of Solomon and Dinah Engle, and they were the parents of five children, one of whom, Ida M., was born May 7, 1873, was educated in the township schools and became the wife of Edward H. Miller.

SAMUEL B. YODER.

Samuel B. Yoder, of Berlin, is a representative of a family which was founded in Pennsylvania by Christian Yoder, a native of Switzerland, who emigrated about 1745 to the province of Penn and settled in Berks county. In the spring of 1776 he removed with his family to Bedford, now Somerset county, where he had previously bought a large tract of timber land situated where Pugh now stands, about seven miles east of Somerset, in Stony Creek township. The deed for this property was dated October 9, 1775, the consideration named therein being nine hundred and sixty-eight dollars. There were no roads and the nearest neighbor was five miles distant. There was a small clearing where Christian erected a log house and barn, a picture of which is owned by his great-grandson, Samuel B. Yoder. He then began his battle with the wilderness, wild beasts and occasional Indians. Field after field was cleared and cultivated, until he had one of the largest and best farms in the county. He was a member of the Amish Mennonite church.

Christian Yoder married, in Berks county, Barbara Hooley, and they were the parents of fifteen children, namely: Fanny, born in 1753; Barbara, 1756; Christian, 1758; Jacob, 1760; David, 1763; Yost, 1765; Jonathan, 1766; Magdalena, 1769; John, of whom later; Elizabeth, 1774; Solomon, 1776; Gertrude, 1778; Jephthah and Esther (twins), 1780; and Henry, 1782. Mrs. Yoder died March 6, 1812, at an advanced age, and Mr. Yoder expired November 20, 1816, being then about ninety years old. Nearly all their children settled in the immediate neighborhood and founded a community known as the Yoder settlement. They all reared large families and lived to advanced ages, and the Yoder settlement was, at that early period, the best cultivated and most prosperous section of the county.

John Yoder, son of Christian and Barbara (Hooley) Yoder, was born February 8, 1772, in Berks county, and was four years old when his parents came to Somerset county. Until his marriage he assisted in clearing the farm, which was then sold to him by his father, the deed being dated July 13, 1796, and the consideration being fourteen hundred and twenty-nine dollars and forty-four cents. In addition to the homestead he acquired a large tract in Cambria county, where the city of Johnstown now stands. This was divided into four farms, which were afterward owned by four of his children, one of these farms being the site of Grand View cemetery, where sixteen hundred and twenty victims of the Johnstown flood are buried. Part of this tract is now Yoder township, having been named in honor of the family. John Yoder was a Whig and a member of the Amish Mennonite church.

John Yoder married, in 1796, Barbara Yoder, to whom he was in no degree related, and their children were: Salome, wife of John Miller, had ten children, died May 21, 1877, aged eighty. Jonas, married Sarah Schrock, had nine children, accidentally killed June 15, 1860, aged sixty-two. Moses, walked from Pennsylvania through the wilderness to Canada and settled on a tract of timber land twenty miles north of Toronto. He died in Canada, March 26, 1880, at the age of eighty. Daniel, married Kate Kaufman, had four children, died June 24, 1879. Samuel, married Elizabeth Lehman, had nine children, died April 8, 1872, aged sixty-eight. Gertrude, wife of Henry Hershberger, had seven children, died May 11, 1880, aged seventy-five. David, married Sarah Lehman, had seven children, died January 8, 1856, aged fifty. Fanny, wife of Michael Schrock, had three children, died October 23, 1890, aged eighty-three. Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Kaufman, had thirteen children, died May 16, 1865, aged forty-three. Joshua, at twenty-two went to Canada, engaged in McKenzie rebellion, and on defeat of the rebels fled through the forest to Niagara river, where he crossed to New York. Thence he went to Ohio and later to Union township, Elkhart county, Indiana, where he took up and patented a large tract of timber land, which he cleared and on which he made his home. He married Maria Stump, had six children, and died March 28, 1867. Abner, taught in the schools and was a preacher of the Amish church, noted as an eloquent speaker and an able writer, the most gifted and intellectual member of the family. He married Fanny Schrock, had eleven children, and died December 12, 1883, at the age of seventy. Barbara, died in childhood. Benedict, of whom later. Lena, died in childhood. The mother of these children died December 1, 1856, at the age of eighty-one. She was a member of the Amish Mennonite church. Mr. Yoder, the father, died October 4, 1860, having lived eighty-four years on the homestead, and leaving behind him the memory of a religious and conscientious man.

David Yoder, mentioned above, was the father of a son, Tobias Yoder, who served in the Union army during the Civil war. He participated in the fight at Charles City Cross Roads, where he was shot three times through the body and had his shoulder shattered by a charge of buckshot. After lying three days on the battlefield he was found by the enemy, taken to Libby prison and shortly afterward released on parole. He finally found his way into the Union lines, recovered and reenlisted. Moses Yoder, his brother, served in the Fifty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. His son, John Yoder, served in the Fifty-fourth Regiment and died in a field hospital. Jonas Yoder, son of Samuel, brother of David, served in the Thirty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Benedict Yoder, son of John and Barbara (Yoder) Yoder, was born August 20, 1817, in Stony Creek township, and until his marriage worked for his father. He then bought a tract of timber land two miles west of the homestead and began wresting a farm from the forest. On the night of May 9, 1853, the home he had built caught fire and burned to the ground, no property being saved and the family barely escaping with their lives. Four of the boys, small though they were, saved themselves by jumping from the second-story windows. Mr. Yoder at once began rebuilding and erected the residence which still stands on the farm and in which he makes his home. He has always been an ardent Republican and is a member of the Amish church.

Mr. Yoder married, April 24, 1842, Sarah Miller, and their children are: Samuel B., of whom later; Daniel, born May 2, 1845, farmer and merchant in Kansas, married Maggie Yutzy, February 2, 1870, and has two children; Cornelius C., born September 21, 1846, educated in common and normal schools of Somerset county and in Iowa State University; taught four years and then moved to Ammish, Iowa, where he engaged in mercantile business; postmaster since 1871 and director in Wallman Savings Bank. He married, September 7, 1873, Margaret Palmer, and they have one child. John M., born November 22, 1847, was a farmer and was killed by a train in Iowa City, Iowa, January 5, 1894. He was a well educated man and had collected material for much of the family history. Mary, born November 21, 1849, at home. Simon T., born May 3, 1851, educated in common and normal schools, and at the age of sixteen began teaching in the schools of Pennsylvania, later removing to Iowa and becoming an instructor in the schools of that state. For ten years he was a merchant in Iowa City, Iowa, and for three years in Haddam, Kansas, where he was postmaster and editor of the *Haddam Clipper*. He is now cashier of a bank in Washington, Kansas, where for six years he held the office of county clerk. He married Hattie E. Rhoades, who died November 23, 1884, leaving four children. Joseph H., born September 6, 1852, taught in Iowa schools; merchant and postmaster at Haddam; now merchant at Washington, Kansas. He married Tina Shaft and has two children. Sarah, born March 12, 1854, widow of Valentine Lehman, lives in Brothers Valley township, has eight children. Nancy A., born May 1, 1856, wife of Hiram Rhoades, of McPherson, Kansas. Gertrude, born December 9, 1857, at home. Ezra, merchant of Sharon Center, Iowa, postmaster for the last fifteen years; married Jennie Bowman and has two sons. Kate A., born April 13, 1862, wife of N. E. Mostoller, living on the homestead. Florence M., born May 4, 1869, wife of George Mostoller, of Lister, has one child. A daughter, who died at the age of two weeks, was the only member of the family who failed to reach maturity.

Mrs. Yoder, the mother of the family, died May 30, 1900, in the seventy-sixth year of her age, having been born November 20, 1824. She was a member of the Amish church and for fifty-eight years was a devoted wife and mother. Benedict Yoder, now in his eighty-ninth year, has never had a day's illness and is as sound and active mentally as physically, his prolonged vigor being, no doubt, the result of his habits of temperance and healthful toil.

Samuel B. Yoder, son of Benedict and Sarah (Miller) Yoder, was born May 15, 1843, in Stony Creek township, and received his education in the Schrock school. He worked for his father until 1862, when he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was with his regiment in all its battles until July 1, 1863, when he received at Gettysburg two severe gunshot wounds, one passing through the left arm and the other through the right breast, penetrating the lung and paralyzing the right arm. For six months he lay in the hospital, and in 1864 was honorably discharged from the service. He has no use of his right hand and arm, but has learned to use the left with perfect dexterity. After his return from the war he married, purchased a farm of one hundred acres, and, as well as his weakened condition would allow, directed the agricultural labors for thirteen years. At the end of that time, in consequence of ill health, he sold the property, and after taking two years for recuperation obtained a position as salesman for the Susquehanna Fertilizer Company, selling to the farmers of Somerset and part of Cambria county. This position he retained twelve years, and in 1894 was appointed postmaster of Pugh, where he conducted a grocery store in connection with the postoffice. The property of twenty acres on which he now lives was purchased in 1883, and he has built thereon a pleasant home and made other improvements. January 14, 1905, he resigned the office of postmaster. For three years he served as assessor of Stony Creek township, and for the same length of time was jury commissioner of Somerset county. He belongs to Post No. 210, G. A. R., of Somerset, and is a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the Mennonite church.

Mr. Yoder married, June 8, 1865, Catharine Mummau, and they have been the parents of the following children: Lizzie, born January 14, 1866, married, Jully 1, 1886, Alexander Hunter, of Shanksville, has four children, Mabel, Nannie, Kate and Morton. Sadie, born March 2, 1869, married, December 6, 1888, E. L. Coleman, of Shanksville. Margaret, born December 13, 1871, died October 29, 1882. Harvey G., born October 12, 1874, farmer, living with his father; married, June 27, 1895, Emma Walker, who had two children, Fred W., born October 3, 1895, and Russel S., December 16, 1899. After the death of his wife he married, June 5, 1902, Abbie Miller. John H., born January 25, 1879, died October 25, 1882. Annie K., born March 11, 1881, died October 27, 1882. Mrs. Yoder is a daughter of Jacob Mummau, who was born in 1814, and married, October 1, 1837, Elizabeth Miller, born August 17, 1819. The following were their children: Edward; Annie; John, killed in one of the battles of the Civil war; Maria; Catharine, born May 15, 1843, educated at Glade school, wife of Samuel B. Yoder; Caroline; and Sarah. Jacob Mammau died February 2, 1887, and the death of his widow occurred October 23, 1889.

JOHN M. TOPPER.

Deep in the heart of the Allegheny mountains, in Allegheny township, about one mile from the line dividing Somerset from Bedford county, lies the little borough of New Baltimore. Here, on the old Topper homestead, now within the borough limits, John M. Topper was born. The Topper family came from Virginia and first settled in Bedford county. After a very short residence there they came to New Baltimore. Grandfather Topper later removed to Ohio, where he died. The family were mostly farmers and communicants of the Catholic church. In politics the voters of the family were Democrats.

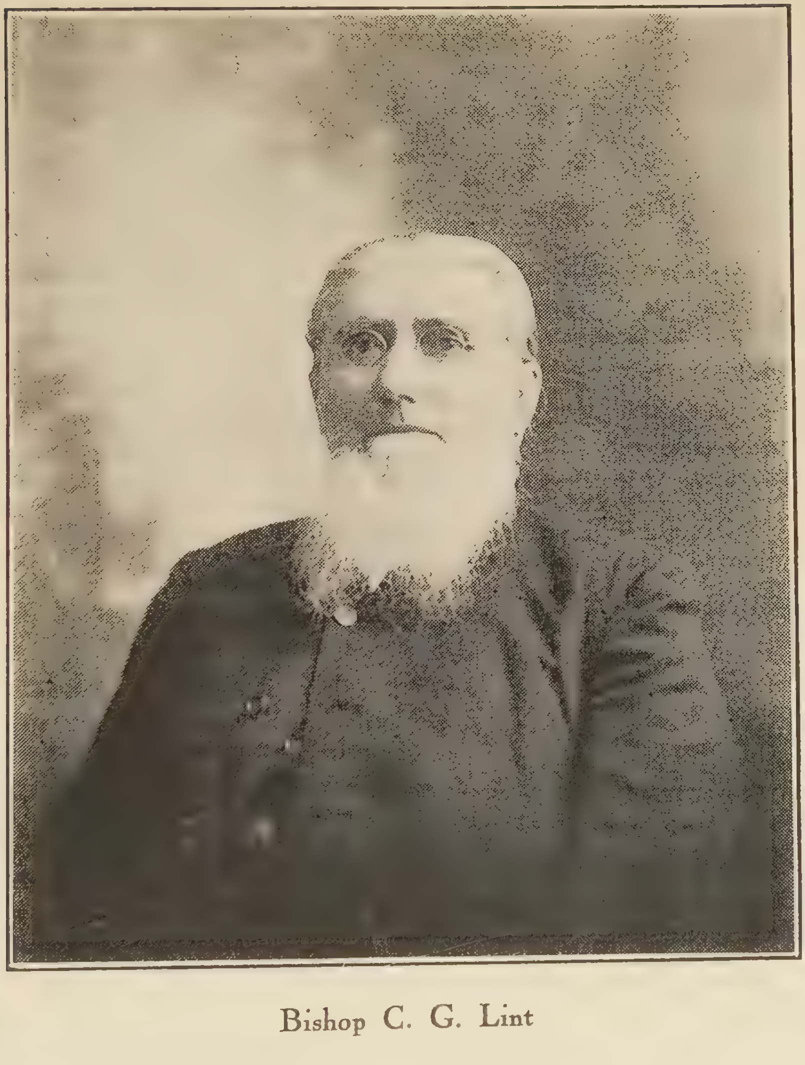
Peter A. Topper, father of John M. Topper, was a man of considerable influence in the community. He was a Democrat and held a number of the township offices. He died November 9, 1865, at the age of fifty-one years. He married Mary A. Lucken, born 1814, died 1893, and had children: Annie, deceased, married William Webber; Mary, widow of Francis Suhie; Elizabeth, deceased, married Luke Brittlebum; Sylvester, deceased; John M., see forward; Ambrose, deceased; Francis, resides in New Baltimore; Rosalie, married Thomas Mattingly, of Cumberland, Maryland; Margaret, widow of John Straub; Joseph, a resident of New Baltimore.

John M. Topper, second son and fifth child of Peter A. and Mary A. (Lucken) Topper, was born September 29, 1844. He grew up on the farm and received such school advantages as the time and place afforded. This he supplemented by study at night until he had acquired a good common education. At the age of seventeen years he had so improved himself that he began teaching in the public schools during the winter months; this he did for six terms. Determining then upon a business life, he opened a general store at Roxbury in partnership with his brother Sylvester. This was continued for three years, when they removed the business to New Baltimore. After one year there, John M. sold out his interest and was out of regular business for about four years. He then bought the general store business of his brother Francis in New Baltimore and retained it until the spring of 1906, when he sold it out to his son, Francis V. In addition to his mercantile interests he associated himself with his brother Sylvester in 1870, and built and operated a distillery near New Baltimore. After ten years of this partnership he became the sole owner, and in 1880 bought the Suhrie distillery in Stony Creek township. He still owns and operates both plants, making a superior grade of pure rye whisky. His home in New Baltimore is a commodious, modern residence, with beautiful surroundings, and there he is living practically a retired life, having delegated many of the cares and responsibilities of his large business interests to his sons. He has large property interests in different localities and is an extensive land owner. He is a loyal adherent to Democratic principles, and, though having no desire for public office, has been councilman of the borough and member of the school board. He is much interested in educational matters, and has always labored in the cause of advancement and better opportunities for the young. In religion he adheres to the faith of his ancestors, as do all the members of his family.

While engaged in business in Roxbury he met Hattie J. Miller, born and educated in Stony Creek, daughter of Tobias and Margaret (Kimmel) Miller (see sketch of Miller family), whom he married, January 13, 1868, and had children: Francis V., who commenced assisting his father in the store of the latter at the age of ten years and grew up with the business. He became the owner of the same in the spring of 1906. Annie, deceased. Jennie, married James Gardill, yardmaster of the Duquesne Steel Works. They reside in Duquesne, Pennsylvania, and have five children. Emma, deceased. Cecilia, married John F. Werner, a carpenter and builder of New Baltimore. They have four children. Norbert, bookkeeper and traveling salesman in the employ of his father; unmarried. John A., graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1904, and is now a practicing physician in Philadelphia. He married Sarah Butler. Urban, deceased. Gertrude, married Frank Gardill, electrical inspector at the Duquesne Steel Works. They reside in Duquesne, Pennsylvania. Zita, married Frank Ruhe, transfer agent at Duquesne, where they reside. Mark, now (1906) attending the Berlin Normal School. These children all received an excellent education in well known institutions and are thoroughly equipped to fill the various positions they occupy.

BISHOP CONRAD GILLIAN LINT.

Bishop Conrad Gillian Lint, who for over fifty years has served as pastor of the local congregation of the German Baptist Brethren church at Meyersdale, was born May 19, 1834, at Meyers Mills (now Meyersdale), Somerset county, Pennsylva-



Bishop C. G. Lint

nia, the son of Gillian Christian and Elizabeth (Hochstetler) Lint, of Swiss and German descent, respectively.

Christian Lint, grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania. He became a farmer in Somerset county, and later in life removed to Ohio, where he died. His wife was Miss Lichteberger, of Westmoreland county. They had children as follows: Christian, John, Jacob, Conrad, Daniel, Elizabeth (Mrs. Baker), and Gillian C. Jacob bought the home farm, where he died at the age of ninety.

Gillian Christian Lint, father, was a native of Somerset county, born March 19, 1808, in the section that is now known as Jefferson township, a short distance west of Somerset town. He was a blacksmith by trade, and followed this occupation for a number of years in Meyers Mills. He was the first justice of the peace in Summit township and served in that capacity for fourteen years, and during this period never had a case reversed by the courts.

Gillian C. Lint married, March 6, 1832, Elizabeth Hochstetler, who was born April 18, 1812, a daughter of Jacob Hochstetler, of Somerset county. The following children were the issue of this marriage union: Conrad Gillian, see forward; Margaret (Mrs. Samuel Foust), born February 14, 1836, died May 2, 1884, at Meyersdale; Eliza (Mrs. M. D. Miller), April 12, 1838; Anna (Mrs. Israel Berkley), January 4, 1841; William Gillian, March 14, 1843, died July 1, 1903, at Meyersdale; Mary (Mrs. Isaac Miller), August 4, 1844; Daniel Gillian, February 1, 1847, died February 9, 1905, at Cross Roads; Zacharia, October 1, 1848, died May 19, 1849, at Meyersdale; Lydia (Mrs. Alex. E. Shoemaker), April 24, 1850; Sarah Jane, November 5, 1852, died August 25, 1854; and Edward, born and died October 1, 1859. Gillian C. Lint died May 20, 1893. His wife, Elizabeth, died June 25, 1881.

Conrad Gillian Lint obtained his early intellectual training in the subscription schools of his day under the preceptorship of some of the prominent educators of the country. Among them were numbered Alexander Stutzman, who later became a leading attorney of Somerset county; Joseph Stutzman, afterwards the first school superintendent in the county after the installation of public schools; Christ Stutzman, M. D.; Frank Stutzman, an attorney-at-law; W. J. Baer, later judge in the court of common pleas; C. C. Musselman, afterwards an assemblyman; and General William H. Koontz. Under these eminent instructors Mr. Lint acquired an education of no mean dimensions, and was prominent in the numerous literary societies of the day. Being of a studious nature and a great reader, Mr. Lint succeeded in amassing a fund of information on all subjects, that became of inestimable value to him when he entered the ministry. Early in young manhood, and before he left the school-room, he entered into an apprenticeship to learn the blacksmith trade with his father. He was engaged in this occupation until 1866, and during the period spent at the smithy became very proficient. It is said that he had few if any equals in the work of the anvil, while he attained to an unusual degree of success in the more technical points in the trade. During the seven years or more in which he was engaged at this hard labor he attended night schools, and pursued his studies with the utmost assiduity and earnestness.

He was baptized June 16, 1855, by Elder Jacob Blough, in the church over which he now presides. On the same day he was made deacon of the church, which was a most unusual event. The confidence and trust reposed in him by the members of the congregation are attested by the fact that on the 24th of June, eight days after his baptism, he was admitted to the ministry. He was but twenty-one years of age at this time, but of ability and wisdom beyond his years. His advancement in the church was rapid, and the trust reposed in him by the church has been in no manner betrayed. The district in which his church is located was at that time called Elk Lick. It was later changed to Dale city, but in 1870 assumed its present form, Meyersdale.

In early life Rev. Lint had taken several courses in vocal culture, and at the time he was elected to the ministry he was engaged in teaching vocal music in the evenings. He had three large classes in the community, but finding it necessary to devote his entire time and attention to his church work he immediately closed his music classes. Rev. Lint's life was a very busy one at that time. Laboring at the blacksmith shop every day, diligently studying evenings, and filling widely distributed ministerial appointments on Sundays, his time was very closely occupied. When he began his ministerial work the church membership was about one hundred and seventy-five in the entire district, embracing six regular preaching stations. It was the custom of the bishop to start out early Sunday morning on horseback, no matter how inclement the weather might be or how impassable the roads. Frequently he would return late at night, sometimes having eaten nothing during the day but a light meal before starting.

In 1865 the bishop of the district, Rev. John Berkley, died, and in 1867 Rev. Lint was made his successor, the church membership having grown at that time to three hundred. For over half a century this has been his field of labor, and during this time he has officiated at over five hundred funerals, covering a territory as far east as Wellersburg, and west to Somerfield. Services were at first conducted in private residences; in 1847 the Summit Mills meeting house was built, and in 1852 the first

Samuel Philson.

meeting house in Meyersdale was erected on the site of the present German Baptist Brethren church.

Bishop Lint is possessed of unusual ability as a preacher, and having been, during all the years he spent in the ministry, a close student of the Bible, few have a clearer understanding than he concerning the things spoken of therein. His sermons are interesting and direct, and great numbers are always attracted on the occasions of their rendering. He is still in charge of the Myersdale church.

June 24, 1905, was the fiftieth anniversary of his election to the ministry, and on the following Sunday he preached a sermon in honor of the event. Personally Bishop Lint is a man of genial and pleasant disposition, and greatly loved by all who know him. In his political relations he accords allegiance to the Republican party. All his relatives are Democrats, except his father, who joined the Republican organization in 1856. The bishop has never held public office, although repeatedly urged to do so. He is deeply interested in educational affairs and served as school director for five terms of three years each, from 1858 to 1873.

He married, in 1855, Catherine Flickinger, a daughter of Samuel Flickinger, of Elk Lick township. No children have been born of this marriage union.

SAMUEL BRUBAKER PHILSON.

Samuel Brubaker Philson, president of the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale, is a worthy descendant of a prominent family founded in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, by his grandfather, Robert Philson, about the year 1785.

Robert Philson was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1759 He settled in Berlin in the year above named (1785), and became prominent in both mercantile and political life. He was a prosperous merchant, and founded a business which is still carried on by his descendants. He was associate judge of the district for twenty years, a member of the state legislature, and was elected to congress in 1819 from the sixteenth Pennsylvania district, but owing to a serious accident was compelled to resign before completing his term. Robert Philson married Julia Lowry, daughter of John Lowry, and she bore him eleven children. Robert Philson died July 25, 1831, after a long and useful life of seventy-two years.

Samuel Philson, who was the last surviving child of Robert and Julia (Lowry) Philson, was born at Berlin, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1812. He was educated in the Berlin schools, which he attended until he was fourteen. He worked at farming for two years. but inheriting the business instinct of his father, at the age of seventeen he entered mercantile life as a clerk in the Berlin General Store, owned by James Platt, where he remained as employe five years. In March, 1834, he became a partner, the firm name being Platt & Philson. After the death of Mr. Platt, Mr. Philson purchased the interest of the widow, and in 1839 became sole owner under the name of S. Philson & Company. In 1852 the firm became Philson & Brubaker. In 1875 Mr. Philson retired from the firm and confined his attention to his other large business interests, established during the years mentioned. In 1857 he had engaged in the lumber business at Philson Station, and for twenty-five years this was an important branch of his business. In 1866 he organized and opened the first bank in Berlin; this was a private bank under the name of S. Philson & Company, and is now the Philson National Bank, with his son, Robert Philson, as president. In 1869 he extended his banking operations to Meyersdale, where, in company with his son-in-law, James S. Black, he opened the banking house of Philson, Black & Company, which afterward became the Citizens' Bank, and is now the Citizens' National Bank, with his son, Samuel B. Philson, as president, and his grandson, Robert H. Philson, as cashier. Samuel Philson was one of the promoters of the Buffalo Valley Railroad from Garrett to Berlin, and was the president of that road until it became a part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad system. In his early manhood Mr. Philson became a member of the Lutheran church at Berlin, for forty years was officially connected with church and Sabbath school, and his membership of the congregation only terminated with his death. Politically he was a Democrat, his first vote having been cast for Martin Van Buren. He was never an office seeker and persistently refused all offered nominations for public office. Although deeply engrossed in business, Mr. Philson always had a love for the soil and owned several farms. During the latter part of his life he personally superintended a fine dairy farm in Brothers valley.

Samuel Philson married (first) Elizabeth McGowan, of Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1836. She bore him one child, Elizabeth, born April 27, 1837, married James S. Black, and died June 9, 1893, leaving two children: Charles W. and Robert M. Black. Elizabeth (McGowan) Philson died August 17, 1837. Mr. Philson married (second), December 3, 1839, Anna Maria Brubaker, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Lowry) Brubaker, of Berlin. The living children of the marriage are: Belle C., widow of C. A. M. Krissinger; Ella Catherine; Julia Ann (Mrs. Dr. Fisher); Robert; Samuel Brubaker, of whom later; and Horace B. Mrs. Anna (Brubaker) Philson died January 13, 1898, in her eighty-first year. Samuel Philson's busy and useful life terminated July 18, 1902, having extended over the unusual term of ninety years.

Samuel Brubaker Philson was born in Berlin, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1856. He attended the public schools of Berlin until 1873, and engaged in school teaching in 1875-76, one term, in Brothers Valley township. In 1877 he engaged in mercantile business, opening a general store in Berlin. In 1878 he relinquished this business and turned his attention to farming, which occupation he followed with excellent success until 1882, when he removed to Meyersdale and there assumed charge of the Bank of Philson, Black & Company, established by his father in 1869. The name was changed to the Citizens Bank and was operated as a private bank until 1901, when it was incorporated under the National banking laws and opened for business June 3, 1901, as the Citizens' National Bank, with Samuel Philson as president. The bank has had a very successful career. The capital stock is $65,000, and the last annual statement, June 18, 1906, shows deposits of $416,706.92, with a surplus fund of $41,000. Shortly after the death of his father, Samuel B. Philson became president of the bank. He is also a stockholder and secretary of the Sand Spring Water Company of Meyersdale, having been connected with the company in the above capacity since its organization in 1888. He is a stockholder in the Meyersdale Sheet Steel Company and the Philson National Bank of Berlin. Besides his other varied business interests, Mr. Philson owns a fine farm in Brothers Valley township, which is well located and laid out and in a good state of cultivation.

Mr. Philson is a Democrat in politics. He served for nine years—1887-96—as a member of the borough council, and was borough treasurer for eight years at different times, serving two-year terms, his last terms being from 1900 to 1904. In religious faith he is a member of the Zion Lutheran church at Meyersdale. Fraternally Mr. Philson is a Free and Accepted Mason and past master of Blue Lodge, No. 554; past high priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 272; member of Tancred Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templar, and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. The two former bodies are located in Meyersdale and the latter two in Pittsburg.

Samuel B. Philson married Addie E. Gardill, a daughter of George and Hannah (Guss) Gardill, of Berlin. George Gardill was born in Germany and came to Pennsylvania about 1844, settling at what is now Summit Mills, where he remained two years, working at his trade of tailor. He then settled in Berlin, where he died in 1904. Mr. Gardill was a veteran of the Civil war, having served as second lieutenant of Company F, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. Mrs.

Gardill is living in Berlin at the present time (1906). The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gardill were: Harry F., a traveling salesman of Philadelphia; Matilda, died in childhood; Amelia (Mrs. McDevitt, of Philadelphia); Ellen (Mrs. Ehmer, of Sunnyside, Washington); Annie (Mrs. S. P. Brubaker); Addie E. (Mrs. Samuel B. Philson); J. William, of Berlin; James G., late of the United States navy, now with the Baldwin locomotive works of Philadelphia; and Cora, died in childhood. Addie E. (Gardill) Philson was born in Berlin, Pennsylvania, educated in the public schools, and married, March 11, 1880, Samuel B. Philson. The only child of this marriage is Robert Harry, born February 2, 1882. He is a graduate of Meyersdale high school and Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, class of 1903. He was for a time with the engineering corps of the Somerset Coal Company, and for one year with the engineering department of the Erie railroad at Jersey City, New Jersey. In the spring of 1906 he was elected cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale. He is unmarried.

As will be seen from the foregoing, the Philson family has been prominent in the business life of Somerset county for the past one hundred and twenty-five years. They seem predestined for the banking business, and the present generation worthily deserves the prestige of the family name. They have the confidence of the banking public, and in financial circles, outside their own homes, are recognized as able and conservative business men.

EDWIN DEAL.

Edwin Deal, an honored and respected citizen of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, who is now in his eighty-third year, is a remarkable example of good health, energy and mental faculties, well preserved by a life replete with usefulness and good will toward his fellow creatures. His pleasant face and cheery manner are known and have endeared him to young and old, and his numberless acts of charity and kindness are known to but few outside of the immediate family circle. He is descended from an old family of Virginia, whose thrift and industry bore their due share in building up the prosperity of the country.

Peter Deal, grandfather of Edwin Deal, was born in the state of Virginia. He was a clever millwright and an exceptionally skilled worker in woods. He built windmills of the old-time wooden construction, cider presses, spinning wheels, looms and all kinds of wooden machinery. He removed to Greenville township, Pennsylvania, after his marriage, and then added farming to his manifold occupations. A number of the grist mills in various parts of the county were of his construction.

He married Margaret Stein and their children were: Peter, Jacob, see forward; George, Joseph, Abraham, Eve, married Jacob Fair; and Hannah, married John Findley. Peter Deal died in 1828 at an advanced age.

Jacob Deal, second son and child of Peter and Margaret (Stein) Deal, was born near Sheppardstown, Virginia, September 17, 1790. He was about fifteen years of age when his family removed to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and as he had inherited the mechanical skill of his father, it was but natural that he should adopt the same line of work. He was thrifty and industrious and soon owned a farm of considerable extent, which he cleared and cultivated. He erected a sawmill on his land and in this the virgin forest was converted into lumber with a large amount of profit. He was a man of deep religious conviction, and he and all the members of his family were members of the Lutheran church, of which he was a deacon and elder. His political support was given to the Democratic party, he being what was known as a "Jackson Democrat." He was active in his support of the party and held several political offices. His death occurred November 4, 1869, and he and his wife are buried in the churchyard of the Union Lutheran and Reformed church, in Greenville township. He married Susanna Engle, who was born and raised at what is still called Engle's Mills, near Salisbury, Pennsylvania, August 18, 1790, died April 30, 1860. Their children, fifteen in number, were as follows: Mary, born May 3, 1813; Isaiah, January 22, 1815; Sally, September 11, 1816; Margaret, February 14, 1818; Jeremiah, July 8, 1820; Leah, December 3, 1821; Edwin, see forward; Julia Ann, March 9, 1825, married Abraham Derrimore, of Iowa; Levi, December 1, 1826; Lucinda, March 13, 1829, married Alexander Kelly, of Kansas; Joel, May 27, 1831, is a farmer in Montana; Hettie, June 30, 1832; Jacob, December 14, 1833; Harriet, December 31, 1835; and Lavina, January 12, 1838, married Alexander Lint, of Iowa.

Edwin Deal, third son and seventh child of Jacob and Susanna (Engle) Deal, was born on the farm of his father in Greenville township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1823. This farm adjoined that of his grandfather, Peter Deal, and it was here that all the children of this family were born. His education was as complete as the time and the schools of the district afforded, and at an early age he displayed marked aptitude in handling tools of all descriptions. Until he was twenty-one years of age his life was spent in assisting his father in clearing and cultivating the land in their possession, in attending to the sawmill and helping in the shop. By this time he had acquired great skill in his work and commenced the business of millwright and builder in his own right.

He purchased a complete set of woodworking tools, fitted them with handles of his own manufacture, as was the custom of those days, and undertook his first contract. This was the building of a mill for Moses Yoder—the first overshot waterwheel mill in the township, all previously built having been of the under "flutter wheel" style. About 1850 he built for Daniel Lepley two mills—a sawmill and a gristmill—and these were considered models of their kind. After his marriage he became the manager of these mills and remained in this capacity for a number of years. Subsequently he bought the farm and mill properties in Larimer township, and later acquired other farm and timber lands until he owned about nine hundred acres, some of which is still in his possession. Mr. Deal resided on the farm he had acquired and personally conducted the mill operations until 1888, when he removed to Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. There he erected a gristmill and several dwelling houses, in one of which, an attractive brick residence on Center street, he now lives. He has practically retired from active participation in his business affairs, giving, however, considerable time to a general oversight of the various interests. He has been a lifelong member of the Lutheran church, in which he was baptized at the age of eight days, and has consistently devoted much time and effort to the furtherance of the church interests. He has held various offices in the church, including those of deacon and elder in the county church, and since his residence in Meyersdale has served as elder continuously. Although he would gladly resign this office, he has been earnestly solicited to continue his good work. His wife was and his children with their respective families are communicants at the same church. Politically Mr. Deal was for many years a stanch Democrat, but for the past seventeen years he has given his allegiance to the Prohibition party as being more in accord with the principles to which he has adhered throughout his long and useful life. He has always been firm in his belief in total abstinence from all intoxicants and narcotics, and attributes his long life and excellent health to this cause. He has also served Larimer township as school director and as justice of the peace.

He married, February 7, 1850, Nancy Lepley, born February 8, 1832, died August 16, 1902, daughter of Daniel Lepley. Mrs. Deal was a woman of strong character and many excellent qualities. She was greatly beloved and esteemed for her many charities and kindly disposition, and her death was deeply deplored. She and her husband led an exceptionally happy married life for the period of fifty-two years. They had a family of sixteen children, all of whom are now (1906) living: Herman, born March 15, 1851, a merchant in Meyersdale; he married Agnes Bowman, daughter of Samuel Bowman, of Somerset county. William H., born June 26, 1852, a coal and lumber operator, with mines and mills in West Virginia; married Alice Cook, a daughter of Jesse Cook, and their children are Roy, Earl and Jessie. Louisa, born April 3, 1854; married W. H. Reiber, a farmer of Somerset county, near Confluence, and their children are: Bertha, married William Burnworth, and has children: Ruth and Lucille (the first and only great-grandchilden of Edwin Deal); Art, and Pearl. Matilda, born February 25, 1855; married J. M. Cook, a candy manufacturer of Meyersdale, and has one son, Dalton. Daniel, born August 12, 1856, is in business in Cumberland, Maryland; he married Myrtle Feichner, daughter of Jacob Feichner, of Palo Alto, and has children: Nellie, Jacob, Ferdinand and Helen. Ezra, born September 17, 1857, is a coal operator in Ohio; he married Alice Smith, daughter of Robert Smith, of Cumberland, Maryland, and has children: Robert, George and Mary. Almira, born February 7, 1859, married J. H. Pfahler, a merchant of Meyersdale, and has children: Ralph, Carl and Ida. Levi, see forward. Charles, born September 21, 1861, is a lumberman in Colton, West Virginia; married Anna Griffith, daughter of John Griffith, of Frostburg, Maryland, and has three children, Homer, Walter and an infant son. Anna Elizabeth, born June 6, 1863; married E. J. Boyles, a merchant of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and has children: Ethel and Marie. Simon, born September 23, 1864, is engaged in the lumber business in Cumberland, Maryland; married Venie Clawson, daughter of George Clawson, of Ellersley, Maryland, and has children: Mary, Edna, Anna Frances, Gladys, Thomas and Loydie. Nancy Agnes, born March 26, 1866, is devoting her life to keeping up a comfortable home for her aged father. Ida Ellen, born September 13, 1867, married E. E. Conrad, the leading photographer of Meyersdale, and has children: Esther, Lucille, Ellsworth, Mary, James and John. Clara, born July 3, 1870, married D. P. Ford, a coal operator; they reside in Madisonville, Kentucky, and have one child, Emily. Calvin E., born March 29, 1872, owns and operates the grist and flour mill in Meyersdale; married Margaret Lenhardt, daughter of Samuel Lenhardt, of Somerset, and has children: Claude and Harry. Harvey, born October 14, 1873, is engaged in business at Meyersdale, is unmarried and resides with his father and sister.

Levi Deal, eighth child and fifth son of Edwin and Nancy (Lepley) Deal, was born at Deal postoffice, Somerset county, May 3, 1860. He obtained his education in the old log-house school, called Baker school, in Larimer township. He left the schoolroom at the age of eighteen, and for the succeeding three years was engaged by his father in the saw, planing and grist mill. He then turned his attention to the carpenter and millwright trade, in which he became proficient and at which he worked until 1886. He then decided to go in business for himself, and in the last named year he and his brother Herman embarked in the lumber business, conducting the establishment under the firm name of H. & L. Deal, at Deal's Mills, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Between the years 1886 and 1895 they had cut about eleven million feet of lumber. In 1895 Levi sold his interest to his brother Herman and purchased a large tract of lumber land at Pinkerton, Pennsylvania, and continued his lumber operations there until 1898, when he formed a partnership with H. C. Huston, of that place. This arrangement existed until 1903, and during this period the firm cut seven million feet of lumber a year, besides two hundred thousand railroad ties, tanbark and telegraph poles. In 1903 Mr. Deal sold his interest in the enterprise to Mr. H. M. Lytle, of Braddock, Pennsylvania. He then took a much-needed vacation of about six months.

When he again engaged in active pursuits Mr. Deal gave his attention exclusively to the coal industry. He is at present interested in various commercial enterprises, among them being the following: The Penn-Marva Coal Company, of Garrett, Pennsylvania, of which Mr. Deal is treasurer and general manager; the Erie Coal Company, of Meyersdale, of which he is vice-president and director. He is director in the Scott-Ogilvie Coal Company, which has recently been exchanged for real estate in Columbus, Ohio, valued at $50,000. He is a large stockholder in the following concerns: Livingood Coal and Coke Company, of Meyersdale; Littleton tract of coal land in Wetzel county, West Virginia; the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale, of which he is also a director; First National Bank of Garrett, Pennsylvania; International Trust Company, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Economy Telegraphy Company, Somerset, Pennsylvania. He is vice-president of Bergholtz Mining Company, of Bergholtz, Ohio, which, with his brother Ezra, he controls. In his political relations Mr. Deal affiliates with the Democratic party, and is always ready and willing to lend his assistance to any enterprise tending to advance the interests of the party and the community. Fraternally he holds membership in the B. P. O. E., No. 175, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

Levi Deal married, April 14, 1889, Margaret B. Scott, a daughter of David C. Scott, of New Centerville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and they have the following children: Leora M., born July 30, 1890; Edwin S., September 7, 1892; James M., September 24, 1893; Marian D., February 3, 1894; and Nancy Marie, March 15, 1895. Mr. Deal's residence on

Meyers avenue, Meyersdale, built in 1900, is a beautiful stone structure with all modern ideas embodied to secure telling effect and comfortable living.

JOHN LIVENGOOD BARCHUS.

John Livengood Barchus, president of the First National Bank and a prominent business man of Salisbury, is a son of Daniel Barchus, of English ancestry, and a grandson of John Barchus, who was the son of ——— and Elizabeth (Jones) Barchus, the former an Ohio farmer and the latter a native of Ireland.

John Barchus was born in Ohio, and when a young man came to Garrett county, Maryland. He was a miner and farmer. His teams, driven by his sons, Otho G. and Daniel, were employed in teaming on the National pike. In Garrett county, Maryland, Mr. Barchus met Elizabeth Porter, of Scotch ancestry, to whom he was married September 12, 1811. Their children were: Otho Gwinn, born in 1812, a wagoner and a mail coach driver in the mail coach days on the pike, who died in 1883. Daniel, see forward. John Barchus died in 1868. His wife, Elizabeth (Porter) Barchus, died the preceding year.

Daniel Barchus, second son of John and Elizabeth (Porter) Barchus, and father of John L. Barchus, was born in Allegany county, Maryland, December 27, 1820. He received the limited education that the schools of his day afforded, and in 1838 began teaming on the "pike" with his brother, Otho G. An incident in his career at this time is quite interesting. When the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was built to Cumberland, Maryland, among the first goods to arrive was a consignment of freight for Wheeling, Virginia, this shipment weighing six thousand pounds. Mr. Barchus contracted to deliver it in Wheeling in six days, a feat he accomplished. The merchants of Wheeling met the six-horse team, drawing the load, outside the city and escorted Mr. Barchus in. In the evening there was public rejoicing over the then unprecedented event of freight reaching Wheeling from Baltimore in seven days. Mr. Barchus was also a postillion or mail rider in those olden days. After the decline of the pike Mr. Barchus engaged in coal mining in the Frostburg region for a time and then bought a farm in Allegany county, Maryland. After a time he removed to a Somerset county farm, and from there to Fayette county, Pennsylvania. In 1870 he located in Salisbury and for nine years was the proprietor of the Valley House. In 1879 he bought a farm near Hagerstown, Maryland, on which he resided for six years. At this time Mrs. Barchus died and he sold out and returned to Salisbury, Pennsylvania, where for the last ten years of his life he was a guest at the Valley House, then and now conducted by his son-in-law, Henry Loechel. Mr. Barchus invested in coal lands, and by careful management of his various enterprises became a man of considerable wealth. He had a wonderful memory and could recall each business transaction and keep faithful records without the aid of books. He was a man of the strictest business integrity, was a member of the German Baptist Brethren church and an adherent of the Republican party.

Mr. Barchus was twice married. His first wife was Harriet, a daughter of Moses Poland, of Virginia. They were married in 1852, but after a brief married life of three years Mrs. Barchus passed away on June 27, 1855, at the age of nineteen. One child was born of this marriage, Annie Elizabeth, January 9, 1855; she is the wife of Henry Loechel, proprietor of the Valley House, Salisbury. January 15, 1857, Mr. Barchus married Barbara, daughter of David Livengood, of Salisbury. Mrs. Barbara (Livengood) Barchus was a direct descendant of Peter Livengood, the Swiss emigrant, who founded the family in America. (See the Livengood ancestry on another page of the work.) To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barchus were born two sons: David L., who died in 1864, aged five years; and John L., see forward. Daniel Barchus died August, 1900. His wife, Barbara (Livengood) Barchus, died September 12, 1884.

John Livengood Barchus was born October 10, 1865, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and was about five years of age when the family moved to Salisbury, where he attended school until the removal to Hagerstown, Maryland, where he was a student at the academy of that place. He engaged in mercantile life in Salisbury, as a clerk for a time. To perfect himself in correct business methods, he entered a commercial college in Baltimore, Maryland, and took a special course, and after completing the same went to Kansas, where he clerked in a store for a friend. On his return in 1889 he opened a clothing and furnishing store in Salisbury, which, in 1895, became the present firm of Barchus & Livengood through the admission of A. E. Livengood, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. In 1889 Mr. Barchus founded the Valley Bank in Salisbury, and in 1902 organized, with other leading men of the town, the First National Bank of Salisbury, and was chosen its first president. This institution has been wisely and conservatively conducted and enjoys the confidence of the banking public. Their deposits for a small town are unusually large, reaching over two hundred thousand dollars, with a surplus fund of fifteen thousand. Mr. Barchus is interested in other business enterprises. He is a director in the Improved Traction Engine Company, and in the Livengood Coal and Coke Company, a West Virginia corporation. He is secretary and treasurer of the Salisbury Coal and Lumber Company of West Virginia, and director of the Citizens' Light, Heat and Power Company of Salisbury. Mr. Barchus is one of the incorporators of the Pennsylvania and Maryland Street Railway Company, in which he also serves as secretary and treasurer. This company will build and operate an electric line from Salisbury to Meyersdale, and are now consolidating with another company with a view to extending the line through Somerset county to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and south to Frostburg and Cumberland, Maryland. Work is now (1906) under way between Salisbury and Meyersdale and the towns will soon be connected. Mr. Barchus is a Republican. For six years he served as president of the borough council, and for four years as school director. He is a consistent member of the Brethren church of Salisbury.

Mr. Barchus is a worthy scion of a worthy sire. He is a man of many sterling characteristics, with strict regard for commercial ethics, with a high standard of citizenship and with social qualities that render him popular with his circle of friends. His career has been one of perseverance and enterprise and is indeed worthy of commendation and should serve as an example to young men who are ambitious and desire to succeed in the business world. Never shrinking a duty, and never seeking an honor, he is ever ready to give support and encouragement to all undertakings that have for their objects the elevation and advancement of mankind and the growth and prosperity of his adopted town.

Mr. Barchus married, October 10, 1899, Mary Edna, born August 21, 1878, daughter of Captain Q. A. McClure, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. She was educated in the public schools of McKeesport and Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and is a member of the Baptist church. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Barchus: J. McClure, April 10, 1902; Dorothy, May 12, 1906.

GURDON E. BISHOP.

Gurdon E. Bishop, editor of the *Meyersdale Republican*, Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born June 13, 1862, at Owego, Tioga county, New York, the son of Peleg Tabor and Estella (Evans) Bishop.

His grandfather, James Henry Bishop, was also a native of Owego. He married Abigail Tabor, of Union Springs, Cayuga county, New York. Their children were: Jane, Sarah, Rettie, Anna, Celia, Frederick H. and Peleg Tabor.

Peleg Tabor Bishop (father) was born at Owego, October 17, 1834. He was a carriage maker by trade, and carried on business at Owego, where he established the Owego Carriage

Works. In 1871 he removed with his family to Winneconne, Wisconsin, and engaged in the same business, which he is continuing at this date (1906). His wife was Estella Evans, a daughter of Henry Evans, of Owego, New York, to whom he was married November 25, 1859. They had the following children: Gurdon Earle, of whom later; James H., born September 5, 1866; Nettie, born September 5, 1870, died October 15, 1904; she was the wife of P. J. Roblee; Rettie, born August 15, 1874, wife of C. W. Rogers, of Wisconsin.

Gurdon Earle Bishop attended the public schools in Owego until his father's family removed to Wisconsin, and was a student in the Winneconne schools until 1876. Immediately after leaving the school-room he entered into an apprenticeship to learn the newspaper business with Frank S. Verbeck, who was then the proprietor of the *Winneconne Local,* and is the present manager of the Inland type foundry of Chicago. When he was in the third year of his five years' apprenticeship his employer, Mr. Verbeck, removed to Neenah, Wisconsin, and Mr. Bishop followed him and there completed his trade on the *Neenah Times.* From there he went to Milwaukee, and in 1881 became press agent for W. W. Cole's circus, remaining with them until 1885. Mr. Bishop's next removal was to Dixon, Illinois, in 1887, where he founded the *Daily Star.* He continued this successfully until 1891, when he sold out the establishment and went to Marshalltown, Iowa, and was there engaged for a year on the *Times-Republican.* In 1892 he removed to Ida Grove, Iowa, and was editor of the *Ida County Pioneer* until 1894. He next went to Monticello, Iowa, where he owned and conducted the *Jones County Times* until 1900, when he sold out and came to Meyersdale, where he has since made his residence. He is now engaged in the conduct of the *Meyersdale Republican,* which paper enjoys the confidence of the public and a very generous patronage. Mr. Bishop is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Bishop married, December 25, 1887, at Falls City, Nebraska, Rose C. Macgregor, and they have one child, Earle Ronald, born November 17, 1889, at Dixon, Illinois.

WILLIAM THOMAS HOBLITZELL.

The Hoblitzells came originally from Lorraine, Germany, at an early date and settled in Norfolk, Virginia. Six brothers, one of whom, Jacob, was the great-grandfather of William T. Hoblitzell, removed to Annapolis, Maryland, in 1780. They were a family of builders, contractors and manufacturers. In 1800 Jacob removed to Cumberland, Maryland, where he at once became prominent in business life. He was the largest brick manufacturer of his day and became engaged in coal mining on a large scale. He was the first sheriff of what now constitutes Allegheny and Washington counties, and served in the state legislature. His second wife, Amy Beall, bore him three children, one of whom, Dennis, was the father of James J. Hoblitzell.

Dennis Hoblitzell was born in Cumberland, Maryland, about 1812. He inherited all the family traits and engaged in contracting, building, mercantile life and steamboating. He was also a contractor on the national pike, extending from Baltimore westward. He was one of the delegates selected to revise the state constitution in 1827. He married Sarah A. Stoddard, and they were the parents of James J., William T. and Sarah Elizabeth Hoblitzell.

James J. Hoblitzell was born at Pleasant Mills, near Cumberland, Maryland, in 1832. He received a good common school education and learned the trade of saddler and harness-maker in Cumberland, where in 1852 he opened his own store and manufactory. He later extended his business to Frostburg and then to Pittsburg, operating in the three cities. During the war he contracted for large amounts of military equipment with the government, faithfully fulfilling his obligations. He later became engaged in milling and very extensively in oil lands and leases in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Tennessee. Other business undertakings of Mr. Hoblitzell were the Savage Brick Company, a very large plant, the Baltimore & Cumberland Coal Company, the Willmetto Limestone Company, and others. Politically he was a Republican and served as mayor of Frostburg. He is still active in business life and is now (1906) in Illinois, where he has important business interests. In 1851 Mr. Hoblitzell was married to Julia K. Hartzell. Of this marriage there were born thirteen children, one of whom, William T., is the direct subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Hoblitzell were Methodists in religion.

William Thomas Hoblitzell, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Meyersdale Coal Company, Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born at Pittsburg, December 14, 1853. He attended school at Frostburg, Maryland, until he was seventeen years of age, and in 1870 entered the Agricultural College, at College Station, Maryland, remaining there until 1872.

He then went to Meyersdale and found employment in the Hoblitzell & Hockings general mercantile store, continuing there for six months. He then identified himself as bookkeeper and general manager with the Savage Fire Brick Company, being thus engaged from 1875 to 1895. In the last named year he became secretary, treasurer and general manager of the company and continued in this capacity until April, 1902. The firm operated three large plants situated at Keystone Junction, Williams and Hyndman, Bedford county. During the period he was connected with this firm Mr. Hoblitzell was also associated with his father and brother in the conduct of general stores at each of the three towns named. In 1902 he sold his interest in the brick business, and in October of that year, in company with F. B. Black and others, he organized the Meyersdale Coal Company, of which he is secretary, treasurer and general manager. He is also interested in various other commercial enterprises among them being the Sandspring Water Company of Meyersdale, of which he is president, the First National Bank of Garrett and the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale, in both of which he is a large stockholder. In political relations Mr. Hoblitzell accords allegiance to the Republican party, and is interested in all community affairs. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Cumberland, Maryland, No. 63. In religious faith he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Meyersdale.

William T. Hoblitzell married, May 8, 1879, Susan L. Black, daughter of George J. and Margaret Black, of Somerfield, Madison township. Miss Black was educated in the public schools. The young couple began their married life in Meyersdale, which has ever since been their home. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoblitzell: Margaret, married William H. Leas, chief chemist of the United States Leather Company at Ridgway, Pennsylvania; they have one son, John. James J., graduate of State College, class of 1904, now a civil and mining engineer at Meyersdale. George B., learning the same profession with his brother. Julia, died in childhood.

CYRUS W. TRUXAL.

Cyrus W. Truxal, one of Meyersdale's foremost merchants and leading citizens, was born near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, May 14, 1850. He is a son of Elder William Truxal, who was born about 1812. William Truxal was a farmer. He was twice married; by his first wife he had two children: Simon P. and Sophia. His second wife was Annie Rugh, and to them were born children, as follows: Albert E., whose sketch appears on another page; Lucinda (Mrs. David B. Fisher), William J., Cyrus W., see forward; Almira C. (Mrs. Mitchel Horn), Jacob R. and Edward F. William Truxal was a member and an elder of the Reformed church. In politics he was a Democrat.

Cyrus W. Truxal received his early education in the common schools of Hempfield and Unity townships, which he attended until 1868. After leaving school he engaged in agriculture until 1875, when he removed to Somerset county and engaged in a general mercantile business with C. A. Walter at Gebharts, Milford township. In the spring of 1881 Mr. Truxal removed to Glade, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the same line of business until 1883, when he located in Meyersdale and opened a retail grocery, which business he still retains. In the spring of 1901, with others, he organized the Second National Bank of Meyersdale and became its first president, an office he still holds. This has been an exceedingly successful institution and ranks as one of the solid financial houses of this section. Mr. Truxal is also president of the Meyersdale Sheet Steel Company and a director in the Mahoning Coal Company, the Somerset Telephone Company, and has large interests in various coal and other enterprises.

While Mr. Truxal is an eminently successful and practical business man, this trait shows only one side of his nature. He is essentially a great reader and a deep thinker. All through his business life he has cultivated his intellectual nature and his well stocked library of metaphysical, theological and scientific books shows the depth of his research and the wide range and scope of his reading. He is well versed in philosophy and in the various sciences, political economy, theology, aesthetics, anthropology and psychology. Although still active in the conduct of his business, Mr. Truxal has thrown off many of its cares and gives more time to his favorite books and subjects of thought. He is a strong debater and delights in friendly controversy with well informed and congenial minds. Mr. Truxal is interested in all subjects pertaining to his city and her betterment and development and can always be found working with those who have this end in view. He is a member of the Reformed church of Meyersdale and is closely identified with the interests of that body. He has represented his church in the county conferences and both his time and purse are largely contributed from. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party.

Mr. Truxal married, May 5, 1877, Martha J., daughter of William Zimmerman, of Somerset county. William Zimmerman was one of the influential men of the northern part of the county. He was a farmer. He was an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party. In church fellowship he was of the Reformed faith. Martha J., his daughter and wife of C. W. Truxal, was reared in the same religious faith and has never departed therefrom. She received her education in the public schools. While a young woman of twenty she became deeply interested in primary Sabbath school work, and in this line of church work she has been engaged for the past thirty-two years. At the present time she has one hundred and seventy-five children under her care in the Sabbath school of the Reformed church of Meyersdale, of which she and her husband are members. Although no children of their own have ever gladdened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truxal, they have ever been the friends of children and have taken to their hearts and reared three, two of whom were taken from them by death. Mr. Truxal is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Meyersdale.

WILLIAM THOMAS McMILLAN, M. D.

William Thomas McMillan, M. D., one of the most progressive and popular of the younger physicians in Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born at Accident, Garrett county, Maryland, June 17, 1871, a son of Eli and Catherine A. (Walker) McMillan, grandson of John K. and Mary (Rush) McMillan, and great-grandson of John McMillan.

John McMillan (great-grandfather) was a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and was a large landowner and farmer. He was one of the prominent men of his day, was a man of good principles and strong religious temperament, also a leading member of the Methodist church. He died at the advanced age of ninety-one years. Of the previous family history little can be learned further than they were Somerset county pioneers and tillers of the soil.

John K. McMillan (grandfather) was born in Somerset county and spent his entire life there. He learned the trade of a tanner, a business he followed throughout his active years in connection with his farming interests, which were very large, he being one of the wealthy, influential men of his section. He was a Whig originally, but on the formation of the Republican party cast his political fortunes with that organization. He served four years as postmaster of Upper Turkey Foot, Pennsylvania, and held various township offices. He married (first) Mary, daughter of Jacob Rush, and of the six children born to them one was Eli, of whom more will be written. Mary (Rush) McMillan died at the early age of thirty-nine. John K. McMillan married (second) Sarah Critchfield, who bore him two sons. John K. McMillan married (third) Clarissa Williams, by whom there was no issue. Mr. McMillan died at the age of seventy-four.

Eli McMillan (father) was born on the homestead farm in Upper Turkey Foot township, November 27, 1828, the last born child of his parents. He was reared on the farm and received his education in the township schools. He learned the trade of a harnessmaker under the preceptorship of his brother Reuben, and at the age of twenty-five removed to Garrett county, Maryland. In 1852 he opened a harness shop in Accident, Garrett

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county, for the manufacture and repair of all kinds of harness and leather horse goods. He met with most excellent success and became one of the leading men of the town. He purchased and operated a farm of one hundred acres near the town, this undertaking being in addition to his harness business. He was industrious and thrifty, kept abreast of the times and was deeply interested in political, religious and temperance subjects, also in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the people. He was prominently identified with the Order of Good Templars and was an earnest worker in the cause of temperance. In religious faith he was a Lutheran and one of the oldest members of the church at Accident, which he served as deacon and elder. Politically he was a local leader of the Republican party. He served for two years as county commissioner and for ten years as justice of the peace. Under Governor Lowndes he was appointed magistrate, in which capacity he made an honorable record.

Eli McMillan married Catherine A., born on the home farm at Walker's Mills, educated in the public schools, daughter of John P. H. Walker, of Somerset county, a large landowner, stock dealer and farmer, whose family consisted of seven other children, namely: Mrs. J. B. Davis, of Ursina; Mrs. Jennie Thompson, of Ursina; Mrs. Shultz, of St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Harriet Campbell, of Neodesha, Kansas; John Walker, of Confluence, Pennsylvania, a veteran of the Civil war; and Mrs. Samuel Philson, deceased, of Berlin. The children born to Eli and Catherine A. (Walker) McMillan were as follows: Mary Ellen, deceased, was the wife of Mahlon Glotfelty; Ann Amelia, widow of Dr. E. H. Glotfelty; she is now living in Redondo, California, with her brother, Dr. Edwin H. McMillan; John N., a retired business man, residing in Hagerstown, Maryland; Emma C., wife of Dr. A. F. Speicher, a practicing physician of Los Angeles, California; Roas B., deceased; Susan E., wife of Frank Liston, of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; William Thomas and Edwin H., twins; the former will be mentioned in the following paragraphs, and the latter graduated from the School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, conducted a drug store in the west for several years, then entered the Northwestern University of Chicago, where he took a medical course, graduated as M. D. and is now practicing his profession in Redondo, California; he is unmarried. Eli McMillan, the father of these children, died April 10, 1906; his wife, Catherine A. (Walker) McMillan, died July 4, 1900.

William Thomas McMillan, M. D., attended the public schools of Accident until the age of sixteen years and then the normal school for two years. In 1889 he entered Mount Union College, in Alliance, Ohio, pursued a special course, and in 1893 was graduated in the business and normal courses with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He taught at Lake City, Columbia county, Florida, 1892-93, and in Garrett county, Maryland, 1893-94. In the fall of the latter year he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadephia, from which institution he was graduated in May, 1897. The same year he commenced the practice of his profession, locating in Centerville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. The following year he removed to Salisbury and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, A. F. Speicher, M. D., which connection continued until April 1, 1899. He then took up his residence in Meyersdale, where he has since continued to reside, and began the active practice of his chosen profession, making a specialty of X-ray treatment and surgery.

In addition to being a general practitioner, Dr. McMillan is the physician for the Somerset Coal Company, the most extensive company of its kind in the county, and for four years served in the capacity of president of the board of health of Meyersdale. He keeps well informed along the lines of his profession by membership in the Somerset County Medical Association, State Medical Society and American Medical Association. Besides being an excellent and conscientious physician, Dr. McMillan is a practical man, possessing sound judgment in business affairs. He is a stockholder in the Meyersdale Sheet Steel Company, the Stewart Creek Coal Company of West Virginia, the Chelsea Coal Company of Kentucky and of several other tracts in the soft coal region, and is a stockholder and director in the Meyersdale Commercial College. He is a member of the Lutheran church, in which body he takes an active interest and to which he contributes liberally. He affiliates with the following fraternal organizations: Knights of Pythias, of Meyersdale; Knights of the Golden Eagle, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Meyersdale, and the Royal Arcanum. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. Dr. McMillan is an enthusiastic automobilist and has just completed a twelve hundred mile trip through and over the Alleghenies and the eastern states.

Dr. McMillan married, December 23, 1897, Elsie M. Walter, daughter of William H. Walter, of Centerville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, William Thomas, Jr., born May 23, 1900. The home and office of Dr. McMillan is on Main street, Meyersdale.

JOHN NELSON DAVIS.

John Nelson Davis, of Springs, is the son of Nelson Davis, who is supposed to have been a native of Philadelphia. He married Sarah, daughter of Daniel Baker, of Grantsville, Maryland, and they were the parents of three sons: John Nelson, see forward; William, born in 1837, Civil war veteran; Peter, born in 1839. Daniel Baker, grandfather of Sarah (Baker) Davis, was a native of Philadelphia, a clockmaker and silversmith by trade. He removed to Berlin, Somerset county, where he followed his trades. Daniel Baker, Jr., learned the trade with his father, married and removed to Grantsville, Maryland, where he followed the same occupation, and there Sarah (Baker) Davis was born.

John Nelson Davis, eldest son of Nelson and Sarah (Baker) Davis, was born April 8, 1835, in Elk Lick township. His educational opportunities were limited to irregular attendance at the public schools. At the age of twelve years he was bound out to Joseph Christner, of Elk Lick township, one of the stipulations being that he was to have three months' schooling in each year, but received instead that amount of instruction in three years. At the expiration of that time, being then fifteen years old, he was released, and after much difficulty secured a living by working on shares for farmers, trading his share of produce for shoes and clothing, very little money being then in circulation and business being mostly transacted by exchange. Being too poor to buy books, he worked for a Mr. Smith, of Salisbury, two months in return for instruction, and later began to buy books and study at odd hours. He also attended the school presided over by Jost J. Stutzman in the old red school house at West Salisbury, walking four miles each way through the woods, which were at that time infested by wild beasts, and reaching home about midnight.

In 1855 he taught a joint school at Solomon Wiltrout's, Elk Lick township, and the following year taught school No. 6 at Keim's sawmill, in the same township. In 1857 he was the teacher of school No. 7, at Lewis Bockes', also in Elk Lick township; from 1858 to 1860 taught school No. 9 at Samuel Folk's, and from 1860 to 1862 was the instructor of school No. 8 at Adam Ringer's; both these schools were in Elk Lick township. For twenty-two years he served as school director, and about the latter half of this period was district superintendent and was instrumental in getting buildings in every subdistrict. When he had succeeded in this he resigned, refusing re-election. During his superintendency of schools he published an exhaustive and complete tabular statement, showing the condition of the schools for each term. He also visited each school in the township twice each month during all these years. He put his whole heart into the cause of education and the result of his labors is manifest in the intelligence of the present generation of the community where they reside. For two years he was tax collector for the state and county and also bounty and school tax collector.

For a short time after his resignation as teacher he was engaged in clearing land for his father-in-law. On October 24, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving as first sergeant until discharged, August 6, 1863. After returning home he was for a time disabled by disease, which he had contracted while in the army. In 1864 he was employed by his father-in-law, and when stronger returned to his old work of clearing land, farming for three crops on cleared land in payment for the clearing. In 1865 he moved to Summit Mills and there worked two years and a half for Samuel Flickinger, after which he moved back to his father-in-law's, by whom he was again employed in clearing land. He then turned his attention to the "shook" business, in which he was engaged until about 1870, after which he was clerk in a steam sawmill near Garrett, and at the same time conducted the "shook" business, for which he received eighty dollars monthly. Until 1879 he was clerk and superintendent in a foundry at Salisbury.

He worked at different places until 1880, when his house burned down and he was appointed industrial statistician of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and ten years later was made enumerator for Elk Lick township. During this period he was engaged in farming, and for three years before his appointment as enumerator operated a sawmill. Mr. Davis is an accomplished surveyor, his superiority having received recognition from the court of Somerset county. It was he who laid out and constructed additions to Salisbury, graded the streets of Salisbury, and his maps are those now used in court. He has an extensive engineering outfit.

In March, 1865, Mr. Davis was baptized into the German Baptist church at Summit Mills, Summit township, and in the beginning of October, 1879, was elected and installed deacon at that place. He moved into the Elk Lick congregation in August, 1880, and by letter he and his wife became members of the "Peck church" of the last named congregation, and which by division was changed from "Peck church" to the "Maple Glen congregation" of the western district of Pennsylvania. Prior to the formation of the Maple Glen congregation, at a meeting held May 15, 1886, at the Peck church, Mr. Davis was elected to the ministry. He was advanced to the second degree of the ministry September 17, 1887, and September 27, 1896, he and L. A. Peck were ordained elders in charge of the Maple Glen congregation, to officiate alternately. In politics Mr. Davis is a Republican.

Mr. Davis married, June 28, 1861, Dinah, daughter of

Samuel Schrack, of Summit township, and they have been the parents of the following children: Harvey E., born February 14, 1862, died December 26, 1862. Mary and Nancy (twins), born June 28, 1864. Samuel, born June 20, 1867. William, born February 22, 1869. Annie, born May 17, 1871. John D., born May 31, 1873, died February 6, 1876. Ida, born January 14, 1876, died September 4, 1879. Peter Sherman, born October 7, 1877, completed a course in surveying and has taken up his father's work, regrading the streets of Salisbury, and also has charge of the surveying of the trolley line from Salisbury to Meyersdale. Edward W., born October 17, 1879. James G., born September 28, 1882. Sydney, born October 14, 1884.

ALBERT ELI TRUXAL, D. D.

Dr. Albert E. Truxal, pastor of the Reformed church of Meyersdale, was born near Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and is one of the five sons of Elder William Truxal, late of Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania, all of whom are or have been active and efficient elders or deacons in their respective churches.

Dr. Truxal was baptized and confirmed by the late Dr. N. P. Hacke, who was for more than fifty years pastor of the First Greensburg church. The preparatory education of Dr. Truxal was received at an inland academy and at Westmoreland College, then situated at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. In 1866 he entered the sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College, graduating with honor in a class of eighteen, the majority of whom studied for the ministry. From this college he received, in 1892, the degree of doctor of divinity.

Through the influence of Drs. F. K. Levan and J. A. Peters he was led to study for the ministry and took a full course in the theological seminary at Mercersburg and Lancaster. During this period he spent two summers in Center county as principal of Penn Hall Academy, and during his last year served also as a tutor in the college. He was examined for orders by his old pastor, Dr. Hacke, and at the annual meeting of Westmoreland Classis, in the spring of 1872, was licensed to preach. A few months later he was ordained to the ministry of the Reformed church and installed by Somerset Classis as pastor of the Somerset congregation, from which he had received a call before leaving the seminary.

After remaining eight years in this pastorate he accepted a call to Irwin, Westmoreland county, and seven years later to the Brush Creek charge, adjoining Irwin. This charge he served also for seven years, and then was called to his present church in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. This last call he accepted, not from inclination, but strictly from a sense of duty. All the churches that he has served prospered spiritually and financially under his ministrations, and during the whole of his ministry, from the beginning, he has never failed to present clearly and forcibly the claims of the church in general to his people, in consequence of which all the branches of church work in his charges have been sustained and none languished or were overlooked. During the first year of his pastorate a new church was dedicated at Centerville, Dr. E. E. Higbee preaching the dedicatory sermon. Several years afterward Dr. Truxal saw the necessity of having a Reformed church at Rockwood, a railroad town ten miles from Somerset, and with sixteen members of small financial ability he organized a congregation, secured a lot on the main street, and, acting as building committee, solicitor, treasurer and contractor, erected a neat church and had it dedicated practically free of debt. When he resigned the charge was divided. At Irwin, during the first few years of his pastorate, the membership of the church was largely increased and an old debt was liquidated. He then interested himself at Larimer Station, two miles west of Irwin, organized a congregation, erected a church and had it dedicated without the incumbrance of a debt.

The Brush Creek charge was composed of three congregations and one preaching point when Dr. Truxal became pastor. During the first year of his labors a church was dedicated at Manor, and during the third year an excellent country church was built at Denmark Manor. In the fifth year of his pastorate a congregation was organized and a church erected at Harrison City, and at the close of the sixth year the charge was divided, two congregations giving as much to the support of the pastor as the four had previously given. At Meyersdale the membership has been largely increased, an old debt has been paid, the church remodeled and the congregation has under consideration the enlargement of the edifice.

Dr. Truxal is a son of western Pennsylvania, and all his labors have been thus far limited to that region. In the work of Pittsburg Synod he has always taken a leading part, while in the development of the home field and in causes of a general character he is ever found in the front rank. A few years ago he performed a prominent part in the work of seminary endowment and recently assisted Professor Hartman in raising funds for the college. He has aided his brethren of the synod in the dedication of more than a dozen churches. Notwithstanding the labor in his pastorate and in the synod, he has not neglected his studies, but has read, thought and written on various subjects connected with theology under its modern aspect. He has kept himself in touch with the live questions of the day and is a frequent contributor to the columns of the "Reformed Church Review." Many of his articles have attracted the attention of the leading thinkers in the church, and his paper in this theological quarterly on "The Confession and Freedom of Thought" has called forth numerous favorable comments. He is a deliberate, pleasing, forcible pulpit orator, progressive in his views and is regarded as one of the strong men of his denomination.

Early in his ministry Dr. Truxal was elected president of Pittsburg Synod, and for many years the Synodical Board of Home Missions has numbered him among its members. He has been at different times connected with the following educational and benevolent organizations: Board of Literary Institutions, Orphans' Home, Beneficiary Education, Publication and Visitors to the Theological Seminary, his association with the last-named body having been maintained for sixteen years. He has also been a member of various important synodical committees and frequently a delegate to the General Synod. At the present time he is a member of three church boards and has shown himself faithful and efficient in every position to which he has been called by his brethren.

Dr. Truxal married in 1876 Eva, daughter of Curtis and Emma (Kiernan) Kooser, of Somerset, and a sister of Judge F. J. Kooser, of the Somerset county bar. She was one of a family of twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kooser. Children of Dr. Albert E. and Eva (Kooser) Truxal are six: Albert Park, assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Meyersdale; William Curtis, graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and preparing for the profession of law; Cyrus Walter, now in his senior year at Franklin and Marshall College; Emily K., graduate in music from the Woman's College, Frederick, Maryland; Rebekah, student at the Woman's College; and Evelyn, a pupil in the Meyersdale high school.

PHILIP PORTIFIELD RITTER.

Philip Portifield Ritter, a dentist of prominence of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born June 11, 1850, in Frederick county, Virginia, the son of Isaac H. and Amanda (Grandstaff) Ritter, and grandson of Adam Ritter.

Isaac H. Ritter (father) was also a native of Frederick county, Virginia, born in 1822, died in 1879. He followed the occupation of a farmer. His wife, Amanda Grandstaff, the daughter of Phillip Grandstaff, was born in Shenandoah county, West Virginia, died January, 1904, and they had the following children: Philip Portifield, of whom later; Joseph A., born in 1853, now deceased; he was a painter by occupation and lived in Meyersdale; Isaac Lemuel, born in 1866, a dentist, and resides in Frostburg; William G., born in 1855, a farmer of Shenandoah county, West Virginia. Isaac Ritter owned property in Virginia, on which the battle of Winchester was fought. He was a Baptist in religion and a Republican in politics.

Philip P. Ritter, the first born, obtained his early education in private schools, which he attended until he was about sixteen years of age. He then attended school that was under the direction of the Reformed church at Edinburg, Virginia, remaining there until about 1870, and doing carpenter work in connection with his studies. He removed to Salisbury, Pennsylvania, in 1871, and worked there at his trade of carpenter until 1872. He then entered a drug store and studied pharmacy. He remained there until 1874, when he received the position of prescription clerk in a drug store at Falls City, where he continued until April, 1876, when he returned to Salisbury, and took up the study of dentistry with Dr. Beachy, of that place, continuing in the study of this profession until January, 1877, when he removed to Rumnia, West Virginia, and practiced there for one year. He then, 1878, entered the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1884. He immediately settled in Meyersdale, and has since been located there, engaged in an extensive and profitable practice. Dr. Ritter is a Democrat in politics, and served his township as school director for one term, and president of the school board for the same time. In 1889 he was the candidate of his party for the legislature and received the highest vote ever given a Democrat for that office in this county. Fraternally he holds membership in the F. and A. M., No. 554, and Hebron Chapter, No. 272, R. A. M., of Meyersdale. In church relations he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Ritter married, in 1873, Miss Helen DeHaven, of Salisbury, who died June 27, 1885. He married for his second wife Miss Lucy Kyle, October 13, 1892. She is the daughter of Edgar Kyle, ex-sheriff of Somerset county. Dr. and Mrs. Ritter have one child, Phyllis, born November 3, 1895.

JOHN DAVID MICHAEL ARMBRUST.

John David Michael Armbrust is a man of great natural force of character and versatility. In the course of a long and useful life he has followed many trades and professions. He comes of sturdy German stock, his grandfather being John George Armbrust, who married Agnes Heintz.

John Armbrust, father of John D. M. Armbrust, was born in Perousen, in the district of Heinsheim, Germany, December 18, 1776. He married Catharine Schettler, born August 26, 1782, daughter of John and Anna Maria Schettler. Both John and Catharine (Schettler) Armbrust were members of the Lutheran church. They had twelve children, three of whom were born in Germany and nine in America. Those born in Germany were: Maria Catharine, August 25, 1801; a daughter born December 11, 1802; Fredericka, January 20, 1804. These were all born in Wuertemberg. The other children were born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. They are as follows: A son, October 16, 1806; Elizabeth, November 23, 1807; John, February 8, 1810; Jacob, April 19, 1812, married, August 30, 1838; Maria, April 28, 1814, lived but a few hours; Daniel, April 19, 1815; William, January 4, 1819; John David Michael, February 13, 1820; and Maria Ann, June 23, 1822, died in infancy.

John David Michael Armbrust, son of John and Catharine (Schettler) Armbrust, was born Febraury 13, 1820, at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. His early education was received in the public schools, and he afterward taught both German and English in the schools of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county. He followed a variety of trades and professions, among them being the following: Printer, carpenter, painter and decorator, chairmaker, cabinet maker and undertaker. At one time he helped his father print and edit a German newspaper at Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He also took photographs at Apollo, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and later bought the boat "Artist," which plied on the canal between Apollo and Johnstown, stopping at Townsends, Livermore, Saltsburg, Blairsville, Centerville, Nineveh, and Johnstown. After the war for ten years he practiced photography at Buffalo and White Sulphur Springs, Bedford county, Pennsylvania. He took up his residence for a time at Natrona, where, in addition to working at cabinet-making and undertaking, he conducted a real estate office. He then went to East End, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he opened a fire insurance and real estate office, but later returned to Apollo. In 1880 he moved to Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he was in the photographic business for over ten years and where he still resides. Mr. Armbrust's record as a soldier is that of great bravery, daring and endurance. In 1838 he enlisted in the Greensburg Blues Infantry, which was disbanded after one year. He next enlisted in a company which was organized a few miles from Greensburg and called the "Farmers' Infantry." He then moved to Adamsburg and joined the Adamsburg Artillery, then, having moved to Apollo, he joined the Apollo Blues Infantry. He held almost all ranks in these companies until in 1854 Brigadier-General Anderson, of Freeport, Allegheny county, appointed him brigade quartermaster, with the rank of major, in command over Allegheny, Indiana, Jefferson and Armstrong counties, Pennsylvania. In this capacity he served from 1854 to 1859. His uniform was of dark blue cloth, trimmed with gold lace, a red sash, sugarloaf hat, six inches high, decorated with a plume, partly red and partly white, which was eight inches in height. The horse had a blue saddle cloth trimmed with gold lace, white bridle reins, and leather tassels at the head. After so much experience in playing soldier he was now to know what real war meant.

In 1862 Mr. Armbrust enlisted in Captain Charles Rutland's company of infantry, under the command of General Allabaugh. He enlisted as a private, but was soon raised to the rank of a corporal, and later to that of sergeant by Colonel Speakman, in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, Company B, Pennsylvania Volunteers, his only son, James P. Armbrust, sixteen years of age, being in Company A of the same regiment, as a drummer. The first battle in which this regiment was engaged was the battle of Antietam. They set out from Washington on a forced march, with eight days' rations. On this march Mr. Armbrust's strength gave out under the weight of the accoutrements, each soldier being obliged to carry his gun, knapsack, shelter tent, overcoat, dress coat, extra shoes, rubber and woolen blankets, sixty rounds of cartridges, and various other articles of clothing. Mr. Armbrust fell out of line and was unable to rejoin his regiment until about nine o'clock that evening. His son came back to meet him and helped him with his load. At Antietam he was sent to the field hospital. After the battle of Antietam General Allabaugh appointed him his body guard sergeant, with the rank of sergeant-major. When in camp he had charge of the general's teams, and when the camp was broken of General Tyler's teams in addition. He was told to keep in the rear, but at the engagement of Snicker's Gap, the army turned off the main road and as he kept the road he soon found himself at Snickersville, about two miles in advance of the army and within the Confederate lines. There was a small field of corn near by and he ordered his men to lower the bars of the fence and let the horses eat their fill. They remained on the road until midnight and about ten o'clock the next morning an orderly informed him of the position of the army. Finally they made their way back to the main body of the army and, as the pickets had not yet been stationed, they had no difficulty in passing through the lines. All the headquarter officers had been obliged to sleep the previous night without tents, as they were in the wagons under Mr. Armbrust's charge. The general, after inquiring where he had passed the night, remarked that it was a wonder that they had not been captured. A few days after this they went on to Warrenton. At Warrenton he ordered his men to help take down a rail fence and carry the wood to headquarters, as the general said he wished headquarters to be supplied before any other place. After this was done the general inquired where the wood had come from and ordered that it should all be replaced, as the fence belonged to people who were in sympathy with the north. The men refused to carry back the wood and Sergeant Armbrust coincided with them. The general then relieved him of his command, and he went back to his company at Fredericksburg. They were within fifty yards of the enemy when they were told to unsling their knapsacks and go into action on the double-quick. It was at this place that Adjutant James Noon was shot down at Mr. Armbrust's side. Mr. Armbrust volunteered to take a squad of men and get Adjutant Noon's body from the battlefield. He was given permission to do so and succeeded in accomplishing his purpose. Adjutant Noon's body was interred at Fredericksburg and was later removed by his brother Philip. After this battle Mr. Armbrust's time of service had expired, but he, with the rest of the company, voted to remain in active service until after the battle of Chancellorsville, which took place a month later.

After being discharged, Mr. Armbrust communicated to E. M. Stanton, secretary of war, that if more men were needed he would raise a company. Secretary Stanton answered that to all appearances they were needed, and Mr. Armbrust opened a recruiting office and paid all the expenses for the recruits and the office for a period of about two months. There was dissension in the company about electing the officers, and finally he received orders from Secretary Stanton to disband the company. Mr. Armbrust was never reimbursed for his expenses in connection with raising this company.

Mr. Armbrust next enlisted in a company which was then forming under the command of Captain Paul Stackhouse. They were ordered to Camp Cadwalader, near Philadelphia, and were there examined. Mr. Armbrust was rejected because of some artificial teeth. He was determined to enlist, however, and went to a recruiting office in Philadelphia, where he was examined and accepted. He was put into the Stackhouse company at his request and was one of the first to be supplied with a uniform. The company was attached to the One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Regiment, commanded by General Sickles, and after a few days were ordered to Washington. They were loaded on a special train of two cars. On the way Mr. Armbrust filled the post of brakeman, as the one on the train had left, and, although somewhat puzzled by the signals at times, he managed to attend to the brakes without any serious hitch, and the train reached Washington safely. They were then sent down the Potomac river to Chesapeake bay, where he was put on guard duty on deck. They went up the James river, passed City Point and stopped at Bermuda Hundred, at General Butler's encampment, but soon returned to City Point and joined

General Meade's army. While there the regiment tore up the tracks of the Weldon railroad and burned the ties to heat the rails and bend them. At the battle of Hatcher's Run, Mr. Armbrust was one of those who stormed the breastworks. He was also engaged in the battle of Poplar Spring Church. While at Hatcher's Run the election for the presidency of the United States took place. Sergeant Armbrust was elected judge of election, his opponent being Colonel Stackhouse.

Some two or three weeks after this Sergeant Armbrust received an order from General Sickles to report to him with a detachment of two men from each company, twenty men in all. General Sickles then ordered him to take his men over to General Humphrey's headquarters. This he did, and General Humphrey ordered him to take the squad down to the division hospital and report to Lieutenant Ackerman or to Captain Malvin. Lieutenant Ackerman, after having seen that they had noon rations issued to them, ordered Mr. Armbrust to take his men back to their respective companies, where they were to leave their guns, and then to return. He carried out the orders, and when he returned was appointed ambulance sergeant, First Regiment, Second Division. He had in his charge four ambulances, nine horses, four stretchers and twenty men. He held this position until after the review at Washington. In the spring they received orders to get ready to leave. They then fought in a number of battles, General Sickles being wounded in the battle at Five Forks. They were present at Appomattox Court House when Lee surrendered. There Mr. Armbrust's horse was stolen and he was never reimbursed for it. After the review at Washington they were sent to Camp Cadwalader, Philadelphia, and were there mustered out. Major Armbrust was a Democrat before the Civil war, but since that time has been a Republican. He was at one time constable in Armstrong and Cambria counties; was also deputy sheriff, in 1848, of Armstrong county.

Mr. Armbrust married (first) Mary Ann Wallace, daughter of Hugh Wallace, at Greensburg, in 1840. Mrs. Armbrust died January 17, 1875. They had one child, James P., born October 31, 1844. He married (second) Mrs. J. A. Scott, of Bedford county, in 1878. She died January 17, 1895, exactly twenty years after the death of his first wife. He married (third) October 31, 1895, Henrietta, widow of John Fisher, of Meyersdale. Mr. Armbrust is now in his eighty-seventh year, is in possession of all his faculties and is as vigorous mentally and physically as many men twenty years his junior.

PETER LINCOLN LIVENGOOD.

Peter Lincoln Livengood, of Salisbury, is a lineal descendant of the Rev. Peter Livengood, who emigrated from Switzerland to New Jersey, and after remaining two years returned to the Fatherland, but after a brief sojourn came to America with the intention of here making his home. He settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania, but shortly moved to Elk Lick township, Somerset county, where he was one of the pioneers. He married, in Berks county, Barbara ——— and was the father of fifteen children. His wife died in her ninetieth year and he survived to the age of one hundred, lacking six days. Christian Livengood, son of Peter and Barbara Livengood, became one of the prominent and wealthy farmers and stock raisers of the township. He married Elizabeth Forney, whose father was a schoolmaster and soldier from Darmstadt, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Livengood were the parents of fifteen children, all of whom lived to advanced ages, as did their parents.

John C. Livengood, son of Christian and Elizabeth (Forney) Livengood, was born in Elk Lick township and was a farmer. For some time he held the office of supervisor. He married Mary Hershberger, of Fayette county, and their children were: Samuel J., see forward; Jeremiah, John, Peter, Alexander, Eliza, Nancy, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary.

Samuel J. Livengood, son of John C. and Mary (Hershberger) Livengood, was born May 1, 1830, in Elk Lick township, and in early life was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Later he became a merchant in Salisbury, then removed to Grantsville, Garrett county, Maryland, where he engaged in merchandising and in farming. In 1874 he returned to business in Salisbury, retiring in March, 1877. He served one term as county auditor, was a number of times school director and held various other borough offices. He was a deacon in the German Baptist church and a lifelong Republican. Mr. Livengood married, in 1850, Nancy, daughter of Peter Lichty, of Elk Lick township, and the following were their children: Ananias, born May 9, 1851; Urias, died in childhood; Mary, born January 28, 1854, died March 11, 1877; she was wife of M. C. Horner, of Summit township; Nancy, born December 24, 1856; Fanny, born February 22, 1859, wife of the Rev. A. D. Gnagey, of Altoona, Pennsylvania; William, born March 22, 1861, married, in 1887, Louisa Eisfeller, of Toledo, Ohio, and lives at Seattle, Washington; Peter Lincoln, born December 14, 1863, see forward; Sarah, born April 18, 1867, wife of Oliver Heitzman, of Palouse, Washington; Jonas, born September 13, 1868, married Laura Hooper, of Canada, and lives at Santa Cruz, California; and Annie, born November 24, 1872, resides at Palouse, Washington. Mr. Livengood, the father of the family, was instantly killed by a fall of coal in a coal mine, August 2, 1882. Mrs. Nancy Livengood died July 25, 1898.

Peter Lincoln Livengood, son of Samuel J. and Nancy (Lichty) Livengood, was born December 14, 1863, in Garrett county, Maryland, and received his education in the public schools of that place and of Salisbury, Pennsylvania. At the age of eighteen he left school and thereafter worked at farming, lumbering and mining until November, 1886, when he went to Nebraska and there learned the printer's trade. From 1887 to 1891 he edited the *Carleton Times*, of Carleton, Nebraska. He then returned to Salisbury and founded the *Somerset County Star* in 1891, which he has since successfully edited. Since December 24, 1898, he has been postmaster of Elk Lick. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He is a member of the Knights of Maccabees.

Mr. Livengood married, February 14, 1889, Minnie V., daughter of F. J. Green, of Carleton, Nebraska, and they have been the parents of the following children: Alma Grace, born January 13, 1890; Florence, November 28, 1891; Robert, November 14, 1892, died December 12, 1892; Ada Irene, February 9, 1894; Minnie Iona, December 14, 1897; William Samuel, September 8, 1900; and Theodore Franklin, August 19, 1903.

FREDERICK ROWE.

Frederick Rowe, of Meyersdale, mine owner and coal operator, recognized as a master of his calling, is of English birth and ancestry and comes of a family which has long been identified with coal interests. His grandfather, Peter Rowe, was the first of the family to come to the United States, first settling in Ohio and then removing to Illinois, where both he and his wife died. In this country he labored successfully as a miner, utilizing the valuable experience of his youth in his native land. He married, in England, Hannah Vickers, and they were the parents of twelve children, five only of whom came to maturity. Some of the sons came with the father to America and followed his calling.

John Rowe, son of Peter and Hannah (Vickers) Rowe, was born in Durham, England, in 1834. He worked in English coal mines until 1870, when he came to the United States, working at mining in Ohio and Illinois. He subsequently came to Pennsylvania, settling in Meyersdale, where he is living a life of pleasant and well earned retirement. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics is a Republican. He married, in England, in January, 1860, Frances, a daughter of William and Nancy James, and to them were born twelve children, six in England and six in the United States: Frederick, see forward; Thomas, a miner, living in Illinois; William and Peter, miners, residing in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania; Frances, wife of Benjamin Green, of Meyersdale; Hannah, died in infancy; Jane, wife of Frank Beynon, of Meyersdale; Hannah, wife of John Finnegan, of Meyersdale; Barbara, wife of George Seihl, of Meyersdale; John and Matthew, miners, living in Meyersdale. The parents of this family, now in their declining years, have the great satisfaction of seeing their large family honorably and usefully established in life, and all, with the exception of Thomas, living near them. Only once has the family circle been broken, their second daughter, Hannah, dying in infancy.

Frederick Rowe, eldest child of John and Frances (James) Rowe, was born in the county of Durham, England, December 5, 1860. He was ten years old when he accompanied his parents to the United States, and here he attended the public schools, supplementing the education he had received in his native land. At an early age he began working in the coal mines, and followed his occupation industriously until he was twenty-five years old. He was ambitious to fit himself for a higher place in life than that of an ordinary miner, and he studied to qualify himself for the position of fire and mine boss, and in due course presented himself for examination, which he successfully passed in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he served efficiently for five years in the capacity of mine foreman. Having accumulated some means, he then acquired an interest in a coal mine at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, and became an operator on his own account, and from that time has been actively engaged, and coming to be known as one of the leading operators of this portion of Pennsylvania. His principal interests include the ownership and operating of the Mystic mine, on the Salisbury branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad; part ownership of the Fairview Coal Company; presidency of the Elk Lick Coal Company; a directorship in the Erie Coal and Coke Company, the Bessemer Coal and Coke Company and the Livengood Coal and Coke Company, and the vice-presidency and general managership of the Pittsburg and Somerset Coal Company. He takes an active and useful part in community affairs and has been for nine years a member of the Meyersdale borough council, of which body he is now president. He is a staunch Republican and has twice been the candidate of his party for the legislature. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and of its official board. He has taken high rank in the Masonic order, and is affiliated with the following bodies: Meyersdale Lodge, No. 554, F. and A. M.; Meyersdale Chapter, R. A. M.; Uniontown Commandery, No. 49, K. T. He is also a member of Jaffa Temple, A. A. O.

N. M. S., of Altoona, and the Royal Arcanum, Meyersdale. Mr. Rowe has his business offices in Center street, Meyersdale, and his family residence is at Beachley street.

Mr. Rowe married, June 1, 1882, Clara E. Burnside, a daughter of James L. and Emma (Underwood) Burnside, living near Kankakee, Illinois, her father being a builder. She was born February 9, 1861, was educated in the public schools and at Onarga Academy, and was for some time engaged as a teacher in Illinois schools. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are the parents of the following named children: Clyde, born October 23, 1883, superintendent of mines at Freeport, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania; Clarence, born September 19, 1886, foreman of mines at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania; Frederick E., born January 4, 1889, just entering Wesleyan College, where he will fit himself for the legal profession; Harry, born December 9, 1891; Llewellen H., born November 12, 1893; Ralph Waldo, born July 24, 1895; Clara E., born August 2, 1899; Frank Ehlen, born July 2, 1902.

THOMAS WILLIAM GURLEY.

Thomas William Gurley, a resident of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and prominently identified with the commercial and financial interests of that community, traces his descent back to the time of William the Conqueror, who had as his confidential adviser in legal and spiritual matters a De Gourley, the earliest known ancestor of the Gurley family. The name Lycurgus, which occurs so frequently in this family, probably owes its use to the fact that this ancestor was the law giver to a king, as Lycurgus of olden times was a law maker. This De Gourley was rewarded by William the Conqueror with large estates in Scotland.

(I) Thomas Gurley, the great-grandfather of Thomas William Gurley, was by occupation a teacher in the schools of Maryland. He took an active part in the political affairs of his time, serving as justice of the peace and as sheriff of Frederick county, Maryland. In his religious belief he was a Presbyterian of the most orthodox sort, and instructed his family in the strict observance of the scriptures as interpreted by John Calvin. He was married three times and among his children was a son, Thomas.

(II) Thomas Gurley, son of Thomas Gurley (1), was born in Frederick county, Maryland, and received an excellent education. He took up the study of law and was admitted to practice at the bar of Frederick county, Maryland, and became a prominent and successful lawyer. Shortly before the commencement of the Civil war, in 1860, he abandoned his profession, re-

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moved from his native county, and settled in Allegheny county, in the same state, where he undertook the management of the Bottlerun tannery, then owned by the De Ford Company. Ten years later he died at his home in that county of heart disease. His political support was given to the Democratic party, and he was a member of the Lutheran church. He married Amanda Stull, of Frederick county, Maryland, and they had children: Amanda, married Thornton Hendrickson, a farmer on the old National Pike, near Cumberland, Maryland; Lycurgus Franklin, see forward; Malinda, married Martin Dickens, a miller of Dickens Mills, Maryland; Charlotte, married Charles Eyler, a farmer of Frederick county, Maryland; Jefferson, a merchant of Cumberland, Maryland, who married Emma Brotemikle; Ellen, married Leonard Rice, a farmer, near Cumberland, Maryland.

(III) Lycurgus Franklin Gurley, second child and eldest son of Thomas (2) and Amanda (Stull) Gurley, was born at Frederick, Maryland, July 17, 1840. He received a good common school education, displaying remarkable aptitude as a scholar, and was offered a scholarship in an institute of learning, which he declined, preferring a commercial career. He accepted a position as clerk in a store at Bottle Run, Maryland, and held this for several years. He then purchased a farm in Allegheny county, Maryland, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his entire time and attention since that period, and on which he resides at the present time. His religious convictions are deeply rooted and he is actively identified with the Lutheran church, which he serves in the capacity of deacon. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party. He married Rose Ann Frantz, daughter of William Frantz, of Allegheny county, Maryland, and had children: Clara L., resides in Cumberland. Thomas William, see forward. Charles R., a farmer of Allegheny county, married Bessie Twiggs, and has two children. Frank, unmarried, cultivates the home farm. May, married Winters Wentling, a blacksmith near Cumberland, and has one son. Lycurgus, unmarried, a well known physician of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, making a specialty of diseases of the eye. Jessie, married Ira Long, principal of the Bedford high school, Bedford, Pennsylvania, and has children: Sarah and Lycurgus. Howard, a watchmaker in the Hamilton watch factory, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Oscar, unmarried, assists on the home farm. Two children who died in infancy.

(IV) Thomas William Gurley, second child and eldest son of Lycurgus Franklin (3) and Rose Ann (Frantz) Gurley, was born in Allegheny county, Maryland, August 26, 1867. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native county, and he subsequently spent three years at Wilson's Academy, in Cumberland, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1887. Upon the completion of his education he determined to learn the jeweler's trade, and after a time was apprenticed for three years to L. C. Rossler, a jeweler of Cumberland, Maryland. He completed his apprenticeship in 1892 and then spent one year in travel—four months abroad and eight months in the United States and Canada. He then located in Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and there opened a jeweler's store, November 10, 1893. He was very successful in this business undertaking, carrying a complete line of the finest goods, and enjoying a large and ever increasing patronage, and has continued it up to the present time (1906). In 1898 he added to his stock a complete line of sporting goods, and in the same year purchased the corner property on Center street, known as the Gurley Block, which he now occupies, and in which he also resides. He is interested in many other business enterprises; is a stockholder in the Livengood Coal and Coke Company of Meyersdale, and has large real estate holdings. Early in 1906 he opened an automobile repair shop and garage. He has taken a great interest in automobiles since their first appearance in this country, and built the first car that crossed the Alleghenies. This was in 1898. He now owns several cars and takes frequent trips in them. Mr. Gurley is fraternally associated with the following organizations: Meyersdale Lodge No. 554, Free and Accepted Masons, Meyersdale; Hebron Chapter No. 272; Johnstown Commandery No. 61, Altoona; Jaffa Shrine, and Harrisburg Consistory. In religious faith he is a Lutheran and in politics a Republican.

He married (first), June 5, 1895, May Gunter, daughter of John Gunter, of Frostburg, Maryland, and had two children: Edith, born May 10, 1896, and Sarah, May 4, 1899. Mrs. Gurley died May 19, 1899. He married (second), January 1, 1902, Anna Thomas, daughter of W. W. Thomas, of Lansford, Pennsylvania, and they have two children: Thomas William, Jr., born October 12, 1902, and Lycurgus Franklin, September 12, 1905.

LUTHER A. SMITH.

Luther Auxer Smith, a resident of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born August 4, 1833, at Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, the son of Conrad and Catherine (Auxer) Smith, the latter a daughter of Michael Auxer, of Switzerland.

Conrad Smith was born in 1772 in Dauphin county. He was the owner of considerable land at Elizabethtown, which he afterwards sold for building lots. He married Catherine Auxer, June 20, 1830, and they were the parents of two children: Michael A., who died in infancy, and Luther A., of whom more hereafter. Conrad Smith was a Democrat and a member of the Evangelical church. He was captain of the Elizabethtown Blues and served in the war of 1812 and fought the British at the time Proctor burned Washington. He died January 22, 1856; Catherine, his wife, died April 16, 1850, aged fifty-two.

Luther A. Smith attended the subscription schools of Lancaster county until 1846, when he entered the academy at Marietta, Lancaster county, graduating in 1850. He then removed to Philadelphia, where he found employment as bookkeeper at the Red Line Hotel, and was thus engaged until 1854. In that year he returned to Lancaster county and taught school until 1860, when, July 1, he went to Grantsville, Maryland, and there engaged in teaching until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company A, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, which was the first company to go to the front from this section, and was under the command of Captain R. P. Cummings, of Somerset. This company went through twenty-three battles, and Mr. Smith participated in all except two, being forty-three times under fire, and in all engagements distinguishing himself for his fearlessness and intrepidity on the field of action. He was wounded and partially paralyzed on the third day of the second battle of Bull Run, and was therefore unable to participate in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg. He was confined with his wounds for some time, but was able to accompany the regiment on the march toward Gettysburg, which was then called the "stick in the mud march." Owing to the paralysis of his left side the army surgeon refused to allow him to remain, and he was sent to the Point Hospital, where he became clerk to Dr. Davis, who had charge of the Third Brigade Hospital. Some of the battles in which Mr. Smith fought are as follows: Drainesville, Seven Days before Richmond, Second Battle of Bull Run, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River and Bethesda Church. The whole regiment was mustered out under fire at the last place, June, 1864.

Mr. Smith afterwards passed the commissioned officers' examinations at Washington, District of Columbia, but surgeons refused him, owing to physical disabilities. He returned home June 26, 1864, and in the following month engaged in teaching in the normal school at Salisbury, Pennsylvania, continuing until the fall, when he became associated with the W. and J. Smith store at Salisbury as bookkeeper, remaining until 1867. He then resumed teaching, being engaged in the normal schools in the late summer and fall and the regular schools in the winter seasons. He was appointed to the office of principal of all Salisbury schools, and filled this office creditably. He continued his school work until April, 1872.

In 1872 he embarked in the newspaper business. In company with Mr. George S. Suhrie he started the *Salisbury Independent,* a six-column, four-page paper. The first copy appeared February 1, 1872. In June of the following year they purchased the *Dale City Record,* published at Meyersdale, and changed the name to the *Valley Independent.* Mr. Smith very successfully edited these papers until October, 1873, when they discontinued the first named, and moved the printing office to Meyersdale. The business failed in the panic of 1877 and the whole establishment was purchased the following year by J. W. Hawk, who after a short time removed it to Connellsville. In the meantime Mr. Smith organized the Meyersdale Commercial Company by floating stock, all of which was taken by local business men and bought back by Mr. Smith early in 1882. He is a progressive, enterprising business man, and is held in the highest confidence and esteem throughout the community. The *Commercial* is an earnest, forceful paper and an instrument of power in the community. Editor Smith is a Republican in politics, and interested in all party affairs. In religious faith he affiliates with the Meyersdale Reformed church. Fraternally he holds membership in the F. and A. M., G. A. R., and is quartermaster and past commander of Michael C. Lowry Post of Meyersdale.

WILLIAM F. WOOD.

William F. Wood, a contractor, of Somerset, was born in Syracuse, Onondaga county, New York, March 20, 1854, a son of I. G. and Helen O. (Phillips) Wood, whose family consisted of five other children, namely: George E., Clinton R., Fredrick, Minnie B., and May. I. G. Wood (father) was born in Auburn, Cayuga county, New York, in 1831, died in Syracuse, New York, in 1902; he served as cashier in the Merchants' Bank in Syracuse for a number of years. His wife, Helen O. (Phillips) Wood, was a native of Syracuse, daughter of George Phillips, who was also born in Syracuse, New York, a descendant of a family of English origin, who, upon their arrival in this country, settled in Syracuse, New York.

William F. Wood acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of his neighborhood, and later pursued advanced studies at the Courtland Preparatory School. He then served an apprenticeship at the trade of carpenter, in the meantime learning the architect scroll work, and being thus well equipped has succeeded in his vocation of contractor, which he followed for several years in Kansas City, and which he is now following in Somerset, Pennsylvania. He has superintended the construction of many large public buildings in the following states: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, including the court houses in Marion county and Clinton county, Iowa; the postoffice at Davenport, Iowa; the court house at Parkersburg, West Virginia; Stark county, Indiana; Ottawa county, Ohio; many large structures in Chicago, Illinois; a court house at New Martinsville, West Virginia; the capitol annex of West Virginia; hospital for the state of Ohio at Gallipolis; court house at Fairfield, Nebraska; the great horticultural hall of the St. Louis exposition; building at Kansas City, Missouri; and is now working on the Trust Company's building and the three hundred thousand dollar court house at Somerset, Pennsylvania. He has also superintended many large structures in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and worked at various points in Colorado.

He is a willing supporter of the Republican party, and in religious convictions both himself and his wife are adherents of the Universalist faith. While a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, he was a member of the city council and chairman of the county central committee in 1886. In civic society matters he is up-to-date, belonging to the Order of Elks, No. 198, at Parkersburg, West Virginia; is also a member of Chicago Lodge No. 765, of the Masonic fraternity. He is fully interested in all the measures that tend towards the growth and success of his adopted city—Somerset, Pennsylvania,—of which he is in all respects a representative citizen.

Mr. Wood married (first), March 11, 1874, Louisa Cronk, the granddaughter of Hiram Cronk, who attained the extreme old age of one hundred and five years, and who, at his death, was the oldest veteran of the Revolutionary war. By this union the following children were born: Emma J., wife of Ralph Young, of Kansas City, Missouri; Lanra Nette, wife of George M. Pettit, of Chicago, Illinois; Helen F., unmarried; Grace, wife of ———; Minnie B., wife of ———; Clinton R., unmarried. Louisa (Cronk) Wood, the mother of these children, died September 20, 1900. For his second wife Mr. Wood married, in 1902, Frances L. Miller, daughter of Emanuel Miller, of St. Joseph, Missouri.

JACOB S. PICKING, Jr.

Jacob S. Picking, Jr., a leading druggist of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born October 30, 1879, the son of Jacob S. and Maria L. (Imhoff) Picking. He is of German descent. His father is a native of Jenner township, Somerset county, born January 22, 1848. He engaged in the hotel and livery business, and is now living a retired life. His wife, Maria L. Imhoff, was born February 12, 1848, in Somerset. They have seven children, viz.: Barnet, Milton, Joseph, Florence, Jacob S., of whom later; Marion and Robert.

Jacob S. Picking, Jr., was educated in the public and high schools of his native place, and deciding to engage in the drug business, he found employment in a drug store, where he was occupied for three years. He then entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and in 1901 was graduated from that institution with the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy. After a year and a half spent in the service of John M. Toney, he located in Berlin, Somerset county, and was there engaged for two years in the conduct of a drug establishment. He subsequently removed his business to Somerset, being located on Main street, where he enjoys a generous and ever increasing patronage.

Mr. Picking married, October 1, 1903, Miss Ruey F. Boyd, born August 16, 1881, in Franklin county, daughter of Alexander and Emma (McCreary) Boyd. Alexander Boyd was a contractor of Plate Glass Works. He and his wife had children as follows: Frank, Charles, Grace, Samuel, Ruey F. (Mrs. Picking), Effie and Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Picking have one child, J. Wilfred Boyd, born June 29, 1905.

MORRISON FAMILY.

The following treats of the family to which belongs Walter Luther Morrison, a music dealer of Somerset borough, who was born August 23, 1865, son of John Henry Morrison. The Morrisons originally emigrated from Scotland.

(I) John Morrison, of Scotch parentage, was born in 1795 and died on the old Morrison homestead in Jefferson township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1865, aged sixty-nine years, eight months and twenty-three days, the record reads. He bought the above named homestead in June, 1807, and the grandsons have in their possession the deed which was written on "sheep-skin." But three transfers have been made on this land from the United States patent to the present owners, Walter L. and F. W. Morrison, grandsons of John Morrison. This farm is situated about seven miles from the borough of Somerset, Pennsylvania. John Morrison married Rachel Tedrow, born August, 1802, died August 6, 1882. By this issue were born Mary Ann, Catharine Jane, David King, Rebecca K., Sarah A., Missouri, John Henry, born August 24, 1842, Henrietta Minerva, born January 17, 1846.

(II) John Henry Morrison, son of John and Rachel (Tedrow) Morrison (1), born August 24, 1842, on the homestead above described in Jefferson township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was educated in the common schools and has followed farming all his life. Politically he is a Republican. In their religion the family are Lutherans. He died November 5, 1905. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum lodges at Somerset. He married, November 3, 1863, Alice Ann Mason, born February 17, 1840. By this union the issue was: Bina Elmira, born September 6, 1864, married Harry Brough, a farmer; Walter L., born August 23, 1865, music dealer at Somerset, married Maggie E. Fox; Edith Minerva, born November 23, 1866, married Samuel Stoffer, a Lutheran minister, now residing in Canada; Rachel Rebecca, born May 10, 1868, married Ed. E. Morrison, a merchant; Mary Ann, born September 8, 1869, died in infancy; Thomas Monroe, born September 16, 1873, married Edna McCleary; Freeman Ward, born January 6, 1875, married Stella Jorder; Nettie Jane, born September 4, 1876, married George Countryman; Myrtle Grace, born February 8, 1880, with her parents at home in Jefferson township.

Of the Masons it may be said in this connection that they came from England. The grandfather, Thomas Mason, died January 16, 1874, aged almost seventy years. His wife, Rebecca (Long) Mason, died March 11, 1886, aged sixty-six years and six months. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mason were: Alice A., Harrison H., born April 7, 1842; Edith, Jenny, Lewis, Amanda, Thomas, James, Flora-Jennetta.

(III) Walter Luther Morrison, son of John Henry and Alice Ann (Mason) Morrison, born August 23, 1865, received an education such as was afforded in the district schools of his native township, Jefferson, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was reared to farm labor and after he left school went to Carroll and Lee counties, Illinois, where he farmed about a dozen years. While in Illinois he was employed by Miller, the music dealer of some note, at Dixon, of that state. He was with him five years, after which he went into the music trade on his own account at Lanark, Illinois. In January, 1901, he returned to Somerset, Pennsylvania, where he established the first exclusive music house of the place. In 1902 George W. Knepper became his partner, but a year later he withdrew and I. T. Holland became partner and they are both proprietors of what is styled the "Morrison Music Company," whose place of business is No. 34 Main street, Somerset, Pennsylvania. Their trade is extensive and reaches out over Somerset, Cambria, Bedford, Westmoreland and Fayette counties, Pennsylvania, as well as over into the state of Maryland. Among the pianos handled by this firm are the "Weber," "Steck," "Emerson," "Schaeffer," "Wheelock," "Stuyvesant," "Keller." They also handle the best of automatic instruments and carry a full line of organs and sewing machines. Eight men are employed and five teams are kept busy in the rural district. Mr. Morrison is a member of the United Evangelical church. He protects his family by a membership in "old line" and fraternal insurance companies, being a member of the Woodmen of America.

In domestic relations it may be said that Mr. Morrison married, January 14, 1886, at Fair Haven, Illinois, Maggie E., daughter of Henry and Sarah (Senneff) Fox, born May 14, 1867, at Fair Haven, Illinois. Her paternal grandfather was Godfrey Fox, of German descent. In the family of Henry and Sarah Fox were born the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Mary Flick, Mina Sinflinger, Mrs. Eliza Longfellow, Mrs. Anna McMillen, Elias B., William H., Maggie Ellen (Mrs. Walter L. Morrison), Cyrus Edwin, and three who died in infancy, John, Elsie and Sarah Alice. To Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Morrison have been born: Hazel May, February 8, 1887, died October 10, 1897; Clarence Guy, May 15, 1889; Helen Grace, February 21, 1898; Harry Edwin, June 16, 1900. The living of these children are all in the public schools of Somerset, obtaining a good education.

CHARLES H. FISHER.

Charles H. Fisher, wholesale dealer in books, stationery, etc., at Somerset, Pennsylvania, is a native of Edinburg, Johnson county, Indiana, born November 17, 1845, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Amanda M. (Schell) Fisher. Though a Hoosier by nativity, Mr. Fisher is in blood and brain and nerve of good old Pennsylvania stock.

Benjamin Franklin Fisher, father, was born in York, Pennsylvania, and was of Holland ancestry. He married in 1844, in Somerset, Pennsylvania, Amanda M. Schell, a member of the old and highly esteemed Schell family, of Bedford and Somerset counties, Pennsylvania. On the maternal side Mr. Fisher comes from the Schneider family, who were the original settlers at, and who laid out, the town of Somerset. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fisher moved to Akron, Ohio, thence to Edinburg, Indiana. A few months after settling in the latter place Mr. Fisher died. His wife and son, Charles H., returned at once to Somerset, where the boy was reared from the age of eighteen months to early manhood.

Charles H. Fisher received a common school education, and had the benefit of special home and normal training under one of the most efficient and eminent educators of the state, Professor Joseph J. Stutzman. At the age of fifteen Mr. Fisher was a teacher in the common schools and an assistant in the normal schools of the county. September 12, 1861, when still lacking two months of being sixteen years of age, he enlisted at Pittsburg in the Union army, in Captain W. L. Foulke's company of infantry, and a few days later was mustered into the service at Harrisburg as a member of Company B, Forty-sixth

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Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. The regiment at once went to the front, its first smell of powder being at the battle of Ball's Bluff. His regiment was in constant active service and participated in the battles of Cedar Creek, Winchester, Cedar Mountain, second battle of Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Lookout Mountain, and marched through Georgia to the sea with Sherman. May 2, 1863, in the second day's fighting at the battle of Chancellorsville, Private Fisher was left lying on the field of carnage with a wound through both thighs, made by an ounce musket ball. The bone of the right thigh was broken entirely apart and badly shattered. A year in the hospitals of Washington and Philadelphia resulted, when his three-year term of enlistment having expired, he was mustered out of the service. May 20, 1865, he left Somerset for the then boundless West, and for over twelve years followed the varying fortunes of a prospector, gold miner, and restless, adventurous traveler. During this time he traversed the country from the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean, and from the British line to the Isthmus of Panama. Those were the days before the Union Pacific Railroad was built; millions of buffaloes roamed the great plains, and the Indians were numerous and hostile. The gold and silver mining camps of the Rocky mountains were filled with a restless, aggressive and hardy class of men, and amid such surroundings, embracing many exciting and dangerous experiences, Mr. Fisher's early character was formed. He spent six months among the Mormons of Utah in the palmy days of Brigham Young, when polygamy flourished at its height, and in fact went to Utah to study the peculiar tenets of Mormonism. During his six years' residence in California he filled several official positions of trust and responsibility, for which his superior abilities qualified him, and which abilities naturally attracted public attention. At this time of life his mind was much of a literary bent, and his contributions to newspapers were extensively copied and favorably commented upon. In 1878, taking steamer at San Francisco, he returned east by way of Panama, and has since uninterruptedly resided in Somerset, Pennsylvania. April 1, 1880, he engaged in the book, stationery and news business, since which time he has been conducting an extensive wholesale store, his trade extending into the surrounding counties and states.

In his political relations Mr. Fisher accords allegiance to the Democratic party, and has ever taken an active interest in party affairs. He has served four terms as chairman of the Democratic committee, and has been the party's representative at the state conventions numerous times. During his incumbency as county chairman, through his efficiency in the presidential campaign of 1880, his party cast in the county the largest vote it had ever attained, and which has never since been equalled. A patriotic, public-spirited citizen, Mr. Fisher has at all times been willing and ready to lend his assistance to all enterprises tending to advance the interests of the community. He helped organize the First National Bank of Somerset, and was elected one of the first directors; he was one of the prime movers in establishing the Electric Light Company, of which he is treasurer and director. He is also largely interested in the opera house, and in fact is always to the front when public improvements and interests are concerned.

He married, October 3, 1882, Emlie Coffroth, daughter of William B. Coffroth. Two children have blessed this union: Helen C., born September 3, 1883, and Chauncey Mitchell, March 8, 1885. The standing, socially, of Mr. Fisher and his family is with the best citizens of Somerset county, as well as other parts of the state, their antecedents as well as their natural merits securing for them the highest esteem.

ALONZO CHAMBERLAIN.

Alonzo Chamberlain, now a nonagenarian, but all through his active life in three states—New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania—has been prominent in the political and business world, and an important factor in the development of Somerset county, was born in Austerlitz, New York, January 16, 1817. He comes of pure revolutionary stock. His grandfather, Jonathan Chamberlain, was a soldier under General Gates, fought at the battle of Saratoga and saw the surrender of Burgoyne, and died aged eighty years. Among the children of Jonathan Chamberlain was a son David, born about the year 1750, at Hillsdale, New York, and a farmer in his native state all his life. He inherited the patriotic ardor of his sire and was a volunteer in the war of 1812 with the rank of lieutenant. He was an active and devout member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as elder. He was a pronounced Democrat and an admirer and follower of Thomas Jefferson. He married Sarah West, daughter of Abner West, a native of Connecticut. She lived to be over ninety years of age, and was also a Presbyterian. Their children were ten in number, six of whom arrived at maturity, namely: Clarinda, Harriet, Eliza and Alonzo, twins; Caroline, and Emmeline.

Alonzo Chamberlain obtained his education in the district schools of his day, supplemented by much study and reading. He taught in the county schools for six winter terms and thus added greatly to his own store of knowledge. He spent a few years in mercantile life in Austerlitz, and in 1856 removed to Maryland, where he entered the service of the American Coal

Company at Lonaconing, Allegheny county, and became superintendent of the company, a position he retained until 1870. In that year he organized the Maryland Coal Company with a capital of one million dollars, and was the first president of the company. Mr. Chamberlain, appreciating the value of Somerset county coal properties and foreseeing the great possibilities of this section, associated himself with other prominent business men and purchased coal property at Meyersdale. This company was known as the Cumberland and Elk Lick Coal Company, and for twenty-five years Mr. Chamberlain was manager of their extensive mines. In 1899 he retired from active business, and has since lived a quiet, contented life at his comfortable home on Main street, Meyersdale.

Always a Democrat, Mr. Chamberlain has been an active politician and even yet retains a deep interest. In 1853 he was elected a member of the legislature of the state of New York and served with credit, declining a renomination. In the stormy days of 1861 in Maryland, he was elected as a Union man to the legislature of that state. After taking up his residence in Pennsylvania, he sought no public office but was elected again and again to the common council of Meyersdale, serving in all fourteen consecutive years, until he absolutely declined re-election. He was high in the councils of the Democratic party and a warm personal friend of General Alexander Coffroth, the Democratic war horse of the county and ex-congressman.

Mr. Chamberlain married, in 1873, Elizabeth Piper, of New Hampshire. Two children blessed his marriage: Walter Scott, who died in August, 1893, and Charles A., who died in infancy. Mrs. Chamberlain died in 1893. Now past ninety Mr. Chamberlain is a fine, healthy example of a well-preserved American gentleman. Smiling and courteous he gives little evidence of the great weight of years he carries. With none of near kin around him, he awaits the final summons with a calm dignity, conscious of a life of well meant endeavor and a conscience void of offense toward all men. He is known and loved by all.

GEORGE BENJAMIN MASTERS, M.D.

George Benjamin Masters, M.D., a practicing physician of Rockwood, born at Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1856, traces his ancestry to George Masters, who came to this country from England when a young man, settled in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred at the advanced age of about eighty-eight years. His time and attention was especially devoted to educational work, and for many years he followed the vocation of school teacher. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He was twice married, one of his wives having been a Miss Hull.

Benjamin Masters, son of George Masters, the immigrant ancestor, followed the occupation of farming throughout the active years of his life. He was also a noted deer hunter, having shot over one hundred. He was a very pious man, of great industry and good judgment, a member of the Lutheran church, and served in the capacity of poor house director and county commissioner. His wife, Mary Masters, who was loved by everybody with whom she came in contact, and who faithfully and conscientiously performed the duties of wife and mother, was a constant reader of the Scriptures whenever at leisure, reading the same in the German language. Benjamin Masters died June 23, 1877, aged seventy-three years, and his wife, Mary Masters, died December 17, 1871, aged sixty-seven years. Their children are as follows:

1. Cyrus, born February 25, 1825, died in some western state. 2. Emanuel, born November 9, 1827, of whom later. 3. Elizabeth, born August 31, 1830, became the wife of Hugh Auman, by whom she had a large family. 4. George Benjamin, born November 29, 1834. 5. Peter, born December 17, 1838, was engaged in the retail shoe business at Toledo, Ohio, where his death occurred; he left a wife and two sons. 6. Mary Jane, born July 2, 1846, became the wife of Harry Stutzman, to whom she bore a large family; they reside in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. 7. Angeline, born April 12, 1849, became the wife of Jackson Saylor, to whom she bore a large family; they reside in Somerset, Pennsylvania.

Emanuel Masters, second son of Benjamin and Mary Masters, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1827. He received a common school education, after which he learned the trade of harness and saddle maker, and for many years was a manufacturer of those articles in the town of Berlin, Pennsylvania. He was elected to fill the offices of postmaster and justice of the peace, in which capacities he served with credit and distinction. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran church, and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He was united in marriage to Mary Jane Lane, born in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Peter and Mary Lane, American born, who came to Somerset county from Adams county, Pennsylvania. Peter Lane was a harness and saddle manufacturer, and was a soldier and captain in the war of 1812. The children of this union were as follows:

1. Elverna, born March 19, 1852, died from diphtheria in childhood. 2. Martha Jane, born May 8, 1854, became the wife of Theodore Flato, of Berlin, Pennsylvania, where she now re-

sides, in good health, and they are the parents of a number of children. 3. George Benjamin, born March 5, 1856, of whom later. 4. Mary Adaline, born March 14, 1858. 5. Lizzie Cordelia, born October 16, 1860, unmarried, resides with her aged father in Berlin, Pennsylvania, where for many years she has conducted a millinery store; she is a member of the Lutheran church, as is also her sister, Martha Jane. 6. Ellen Amanda, born March 5, 1863, widow of Dr. Frank B. Walker, who died at Ligonier, Pennsylvania, in early manhood, with the promise of a brilliant future. He left one son, John, who has been appointed to West Point, and who, with his mother, resides in Berlin, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Walker is associated in the millinery business with her sister, Lizzie C. Masters. The mother of these children, who was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, and a faithful wife and mother, died December 17, 1871, aged sixty-seven years.

George Benjamin Masters, only son of Emanuel and Mary Jane (Lane) Masters, received his early education in the public and normal schools of Berlin, Pennsylvania, and this was supplemented by a course at Mount Union College, Ohio. After teaching school at Pine Hill, Pennsylvania, one term, and in Bedford county, he began the study of medicine under the direction of William A. Garman, M. D., of Berlin, Pennsylvania, and received his medical degree in 1879 from the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Somerset, Pennsylvania, in 1880, where he remained but one year. He then removed to Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and after a residence of about one and one-half years there, he, with his family, moved to Illinois, in which state he practiced until 1885, when he returned to Pennsylvania, locating at Rockwood, where he has since resided and engaged in the active practice of his profession. Dr. Masters keeps in touch with the advanced ideas along the line of his profession by membership in the County, State and American Medical Associations. He has held various borough offices, serving in town council and as school director. Dr. Masters is a Lutheran in religion, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Royal Arcanum, and Modern Woodmen of America. For a number of years he has served as local surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Dr. Masters married, in 1880, Amanda J. Garman, daughter of Dr. William A. and Mary Ann (Burnett) Garman, the former named having been his preceptor in medicine, and the latter a daughter of Dr. Burnett, who was a soldier and surgeon in the Mexican war, and who died at an advanced age on his farm close to Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Dr. Garman is still in practice at Berlin, Pennsylvania, at the advanced age of seventy-six years; he has been in continuous practice for half a century, and is still hale and active. He is president of the National Bank of Berlin, and has served as school director for many years, also burgess and pension examiner. He is a Lutheran in religion, and a Democrat in politics. One child was born to Dr. and Mrs. Masters: Frederick Garman Masters, who is at present (1905) teaching school. He received his education in the public schools of Rockwood, Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, from which institution he was graduated in the classical course in 1904.

CHARLES PYTHIAN COBAUGH.

Charles Pythian Cobaugh, deceased, who was a prominent and influential citizen of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in 1841 in Taylor township, Cambria county, near Conemaugh, the son of Daniel and Nancy (Gochenow) Cobaugh, and one of eight children, namely: Charles Pythian, of whom later; David, a resident of Johnstown; Philip, lives in Conemaugh; Jennie married (first) Richard Clay, (second) a Mr. Davis, of Chicago; Alice married David Moyer, of Conemaugh; Susannah, wife of Thomas Grove, of Morrellville; Louisa, wife of John Good, and Daniel, who was in the war of the rebellion and was a prisoner in Libby prison nine months.

Charles P. Cobaugh, in his earlier days, worked upon a farm. At the breaking out of the Civil war he tendered his services to his country, serving two enlistments. The first was for three months in Company H, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves. On October 21, 1861, he re-enlisted in Company C, First Battalion, Nineteenth United States Infantry, served for three years, and was honorably discharged at Camp Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, October 29, 1864. The command to which he belonged was a part of the Western army and was commanded by General Benjamin Harrison. At the close of the war he became fireman and later engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, and accepted a position, nearly twenty years ago, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. He removed his family to Meyersdale, and it was during his residence at this place that he had charge of the engine on the "Keystone Shifter," a coal train that plied between Salisbury Junction and Cumberland. His next removal was to Rockwood, thence to Connellsville and back again to Rockwood, where his family have since resided. In 1886, while engaged in shifting in sight of his own home, the locomotive of which Mr. Cobaugh was in charge blew up, and he and his fireman, the late Harry Dayton, escaped with their lives, as if by a miracle. For many months after the terrible accident the unfortunate engineer was confined to his bed, hovering between life and death, occasioned by the great nervous shock and other injuries of a serious nature sustained in the awful catastrophe. He never fully recovered from the effects of the explosion, but as soon as he was again able to engage in active pursuits he railroaded and rested by turns, his last work at the throttle having been performed several years ago on the Confluence helper. From that time on he was engaged in the manufacture of cigars and tobacco on a limited scale. Politically Mr. Cobaugh was an ardent Republican. He was a member of the William H. Weller Post No. 549, G. A. R.; Meyersdale Lodge No. 554, F. and A. M.; and of Rockwood Council No. 801, Royal Arcanum. During his residence in Rockwood Mr. Cobaugh identified himself with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles P. Cobaugh married, June 18, 1866, Rebella Parks, daughter of Joseph Parks, who for many years was an engineer on the famous Old Portage railroad, and who met his death by an explosion of his engine in 1865. Eight children, five sons and three daughters, were born to them, namely: George P.; Clara B., wife of William Millhouse; Grace, wife of George E. Beatty; Lewis D.; Lena M., wife of W. A. Shumaker; the three other sons, Joseph W., Charles P. and James G., are all deceased. Joseph W. died from the effects of having his head caught between two cars loaded with rails in the Rockwood yards, in 1887; Charles P. died in 1892 of typhoid fever; and James G. was scalded to death in 1902 in a wreck on the Somerset & Cambria branch of the railroad.

Charles P. Cobaugh died at his home in Rockwood, January 9, 1904, aged sixty-four years. His demise was most sincerely mourned by those who knew him intimately. He was a fond parent, a Christian man and an ideal citizen in every sense of the term. The funeral services were conducted on January 11th, in the Rockwood Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. C. L. E. Cartwright, of Scottdale, during whose pastorate in Meyersdale Mr. Cobaugh was received into the church, delivered a powerful and impressive sermon. He was assisted in the services by Rev. O. E. Rodkey, Rev. W. H. Blackburn and Rev. R. D. Ellis. Interment was at New Centerville. The services at the cemetery were conducted by his comrades of the Grand Army and his brethren of the Masonic fraternity, a large delegation from Meyersdale Lodge being in attendance.

ALEXANDER CASEBEER.

Alexander Casebeer, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, descended through the following ancestry:

(I) Solomon Casebeer, the grandfather of Alexander Casebeer, was a native of Germany. He emigrated to our shore, settling in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, near the close of 1700. There is no other record in possession of his descendants, hence his occupations, general achievements, religion and education can only be conjectured at. It is only known that he died when a young man. He married Elizabeth Emmert, who was of German descent, her people being among the early settlers of Somerset county prior to 1800. Solomon Casebeer and wife had seven children, four daughters and three sons. The sons were Isaac, Solomon and Joseph. The names of the daughters were: Hannah, who married John Mellinger and moved to Wooster, Ohio, about 1830; she was the mother of nineteen children. Elizabeth married Michael Mellinger, moved to the same place in Ohio and was the mother of two daughters. Sarah married Jacob Sarver and resided at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he conducted the old stone hotel until his death. She was the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters. One son and one daughter reside in Westmoreland county. Mary married George Hartman, a German, and resided in Somerset county until 1863, when they emigrated to Michigan. They had three children, two sons and one daughter, one son died in the Union army during the Civil war. The daughter still resides in Michigan, the wife of a farmer living in Tuscola county, her father and mother having died about 1902. The son with his family live in West Elizabeth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

(II) Solomon Casebeer, son of Solomon Casebeer (1), the American ancestor, was a stone and brick mason and removed from Somerset county to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, with his family early in 1840. There he formed partnership with a man named Coulter, and they became heavy contractors and builders. He married Sarah Baker, a descendant of George Peters Baker, on the river Rhine, Germany. He was very wealthy. He had four sons and one daughter, who emigrated to this country about 1752. One son died soon after arriving here. The family were highly educated. The surviving brothers were surgeons and performed much government work. They possessed large estates in many sections of the United States. Prior to 1800 they were officers in the army, one, Colonel Henry Baker, became a merchant and had ship at sea, also owned much land near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1801. Before his death his lands were leased for ninety-nine years, and the business portion of the city to-day is located on this tract. By will his estate fell to his brothers, Jacob and Peter, and the sister Elizabeth. They resided in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Somerset county, where Jacob was killed by the Indians about 1816. Peter emigrated to Ohio. Colonel Henry died single. Jacob Baker was Alexander Casebeer's great-grandfather on the maternal side.

Mrs. Sarah (Baker) Casebeer died in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, before the death of her husband, leaving three children, two of whom soon followed her, Alexander being the only remaining child, and his father died when he was about nine years of age.

(III) Alexander Casebeer, son of Solomon and Sarah (Baker) Casebeer, was born June 11, 1830, in Stoystown, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. His education was necessarily very limited, as his parents both died when he was but a mere lad, and he was thus compelled to make his own way through an untried world; unaided by the council of a father and the love and care of a mother. When but ten years of age he went to live with a farmer in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, where he remained until eighteen years of age, then returned to friends in Somerset county. In the spring of 1850 he went to Michigan, where he found employment in the big woods at lumbering for five years and more. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of government land and cleared up a good farm and made many improvements thereon. He next embarked in the grocery business, but within one year sadness came to his new-made home by the death of his wife. He then sold out and spent the following winter in Canada, that being the winter of 1887-88. In the spring of 1888 he returned to Michigan, spent the summer and the fall there and then returned to his native county—Somerset.

Mr. Casebeer has been a Republican ever since that party had an organization, with the single exception of Mr. Cleveland's first term. Aside from local offices, such as school and township offices, he never has aspired to public positions. He has been township clerk, and for four years a notary public. In the agricultural societies he has held positions befitting his qualifications. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-third Michigan Regiment, for three years, during the great Civil war, but declined each and ever offer of promotion, preferring rather that such promotions should go to his comrade friends. About 1856 Mr. Casebeer united with the Methodist Episcopal church and was for a number of years class leader, steward and Sunday school superintendent. He also held an exhorter's license for several years and became leader of a "praying band," which proved a successful feature of Christian work. For a number of years he was a member of the Knights of Honor, in which order he was treasurer. He is also a member of the Knights of Maccabees, and being one of the deputy supreme commanders, planted the order in Somerset county. He has held the office of record keeper for several years in succession.

Mr. Casebeer married (first), August 26, 1856, Elizabeth Woodward, in Denmark township, Tuscola county, Michigan.

She was well educated and by occupation a dressmaker and milliner. She was an English lady and had done much work in her line for the nobility. Her father was James Woodward, a hotelkeeper at Long Sutton Bridge, England, he owning the property in his own right. Mrs. Elizabeth Casebeer died in the autumn of 1876. In the fall of 1889 Mr. Casebeer married (second) Ida Fisher, of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Samuel Fisher and wife. Her father was a soldier in the Union cause in the Civil war days, in one of the Pennsylvania regiments. He was a native of Somerset county, his ancestry being among the earliest settlers and of German descent. His education was limited. Politically he was a Democrat. By Mr. Casebeer's first marriage were born to him: 1. James, born April 22, 1858, in Denmark township, Tuscola county, Michigan. He obtained a common school education; married Eve David Mersdal, of Indian Fields township, Tuscola county, Michigan. He is now a farmer of the same location. 2. Eliza, born in the same place as her brother, August 22, 1861, married Charles Mercill, a farmer in Tuscola county, Michigan. 3. George A., born in the same place as those named above, May 18, 1865; for several years followed school teaching, but is now a farmer. He married a Miss Patterson, of Michigan. By his second wife, Mr. Casebeer is the father of four children: 4. Perry M., born December 18, 1891. 5. Charles Harrison, born November 18, 1896. 6. Jennie, born November 18, 1900, all in school. 7. Theodore Roosevelt, born November 8, 1903.

In reviewing the career of Mr. Casebeer, the reader must have already observed it to have been indeed a checkered one, even from his earliest boyhood days. He relates how, at the death of his father, an uncle virtually robbed him of two thousand dollars, which then would have been a fortune to him. Again soon after his first marriage, he entrusted a minister of the Gospel to cash a $666 draft, the same person being a postmaster, and for failing to account for this sum paid the penalty in the penitentiary for a term of fifteen years, reduced to eleven years; but even this did not repay Mr. Casebeer. During the man's eventful life, he has traveled much and ever been a keen observer. With graphic description he now relates the wonderful changes wrought out since 1850 in methods of travel and machinery employed to relieve burdens from mankind. He states that in 1850, so slow did the trains move, in passing an apple orchard he saw luscious fruit, and he left the cars and procured a quantity of apples, overtook his train, and that without great exertion. He further relates of his travel by steamboat, canal boats and other early-day means of locomotion, all of which can scarce be comprehended by the present fast-living, swiftly-transported generations. On the farm he has worked with sickle and cradle and lived to see and employ the self-binder and all the kindred machinery. He easily discusses how such an army of rich men have grown up, and now sees where in years gone by he had golden opportunities that slipped by unheeded, all for a lack of real confidence in his own judgment. Yet with all the adverse winds, life's journey to him has not been fraught with shipwreck. He has lived a conscientious life, has reared sons and daughters to honor his good name and served his country in time of war. Now, at the sundown of life, he abides in the county of his nativity, with friends on every hand, who only wish him many years of happiness this side of the dark river.

ALEXANDER H. HUSTON.

The ancestors of Alexander H. Huston, of Somerset, were among the old settlers of the county and became possessed of land which has always been in the Huston name ever since the first fence was built on it. Peter Huston served as a lieutenant during the war of 1812, and was a Whig politically. His wife was of Scotch-Irish descent, and in her youth emigrated from Ireland to the United States.

Chambers Huston, son of Peter Huston, was educated in the common schools of Somerset county, and followed the carpenter's trade, being also engaged in the undertaking business. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. His wife was Margaret Pritts.

Alexander H. Huston, son of Chambers and Margaret (Pritts) Huston, was born November 2, 1841, in Somerset, and received his education in the common schools of his native place. In June, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a term of three years, being discharged December 18, 1863. He re-enlisted for another three years in Company I, One Hundred and Ninety-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge August 23, 1865, in Washington, District of Columbia. On his return home he took up the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years, and then went into the undertaking business, in which he has been engaged ever since. The firm is now A. H. Huston & Son, the partnership being formed in January, 1904.

Mr. Huston married, November 30, 1865, Catharine Bruner, and they became the parents of five children: Lloyd, died in infancy; Emma, Samuel, Clara and Ella. Mrs. Huston is a daughter of Samuel Bruner, who was born in Connellsville, and was a Republican in politics. He married Mary Laning and their children were: Joseph, Davis, George, Clark, deceased; Emma, wife of Henry Eicher, a carpenter of Meyersdale; Elizabeth, married Solomon Fisher, a retired farmer of Coke Mail, Iowa; Catharine, wife of Alexander H. Huston, as mentioned above.

WILLIAM H. CARRELL.

William H. Carrell, a representative citizen of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born September 15, 1836, in Bedford township, Bedford county, a son of George and Catherine (Sipes) Carrell. His grandfather, Anthony Carrell, was a native of Ireland, emigrated from his native land, settling in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in young manhood. George Carrell (father) was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, a carpenter by trade, and a Republican in politics.

William H. Carrell received a good common school education, and after leaving school learned the carpenter's trade and later the machinist's trade. He then associated himself with Hiram Baker in the conduct of a sand mill, in which he was engaged for twenty years, with the exception of the time he served in the army. In 1861, when the great war of the rebellion was in progress and the call for loyal men was urgent, Mr. Carrell enlisted in Company A, Fifty-fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, for three years. After his term of service expired he re-enlisted in the same company for three years, serving until the cessation of hostilities. He received his discharge June 17, 1865.

William H. Carrell was united in marriage July 4, 1867, to Lucy Petrican, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Park) Petrican, and of this union, one child, Harry S., was born. His first wife died in 1868, and Mr. Carrell married for his second wife Minerva J. Baker, daughter of Hiram and Louisa (Hoover) Baker. Hiram Baker was a contractor by trade, and in 1898 engaged in mercantile pursuits in Somerset, continuing in this line until his death, January 28, 1903, since which event Mrs. Carrell has engaged in the conduct of the store, having changed the name to the South Side Grocery Company. One child was born of the second marriage, Lucy, October 6, 1889.

COUNTRYMAN FAMILY.

This sketch relates to the Countryman family of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, to which belongs Harry A. G. Countryman, of Somerset borough, who is now engaged in the undertaking and furniture business.

(I) George Countryman was one of the pioneer settlers in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. The date of his coming was 1761, two years prior to that of the settlement made by Simon Hay, which was according to records in 1763, or five years prior to lands being open for actual settlers by purchase. Mr. Countryman went to some one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania to secure work, and while there met Simon Hay and told him that he had two "tomahawk claims" in the wild woods across the Allegheny mountains, and that if he would help him do some work he would give him one of the claims, where the Indians still roamed at will and frequently made hostile attacks upon the whites. The claims thus offered was what is now the Philip Hay farm. Mr. Countryman kept the south claim; in all, he claimed one thousand acres. The land office records show that he made application for four hundred and ten acres December 9, 1772, which was surveyed May 17, 1774. George Countryman married a Miss Griffith, by whom was born one son, Jacob.

(II) Jacob Countryman, only son of George Countryman (1), was born in Somerset county in 1787, died March 4, 1869, aged eighty-two years, two months and eight days. He married Hannah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lane, of Berlin, Pennsylvania. By this union were born: Mary, Catharine, Jacob J., Malinda, Caroline, Jerome, Samuel, Ephraim, Francis J.

(III) Francis J. Countryman, son of Jacob and Hannah (Lane) Countryman (2), married Laura, daughter of George Fritz and wife, by whom were born: Clarissa, George, Jacob, Ellen, Henry, Elriam, Tracy, Milton, Herman, William. The father died in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October, 1883. Mrs. Francis J. Countryman, the mother, died at Meyersdale, February, 1887.

(IV) George Jacob Countryman, son of Francis J. and Laura (Fritz) Countryman (3), was born in 1854. He obtained his education at the common schools and taught for three terms successfully. His chief occupation, however, was that of a farmer. In his church connections he was a member of the German Reformed body and served as deacon. Politically he was always a staunch, intelligent Republican, believing that this party came closer to meeting the demands of the people at large than any other organization. He married Belinda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hay, of Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1874. By this union were born four children: William, married, October 21, 1901, Estella Pile, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania; they have one child, James. Harvey, married, December 27, 1905, Edith Dysart, of Nachusa, Illinois. Harry A. G., of whom later. Ellen, married, June 7, 1903, John Seibert, now deceased. Mr. Countryman, the father, died in Quemahoning township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1890.

(V) Harry A. G. Countryman, son of George Jacob and Belinda (Hay) Countryman (4), was born in Jennerstown, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1880. He attended the common schools and worked on the farm until seventeen years of age, when he went to Dixon, Illinois, where he worked on a dairy farm for a time, but soon came east and found employment with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company as fireman, but believing there was some easier, safer manner of gaining a livelihood, he came to Somerset borough and assisted in establishing the first regular music store of the place. This was in 1900, and in 1901 he sold to W. L. Morrison. The next six months he clerked in the hardware store of John H. Miller. He then purchased a half interest in the furniture business of F. H. Sufalls. In the autumn of 1901 he attended the Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) School of Anatomy, from which he graduated. To the former business he then added an undertaking department (generally coupled with the furniture trade, especially in the smaller places), and in 1903 the firm of Sufalls & Countryman built a department store of their own, on West Main street, Somerset, where they enjoy a prosperous business. In each of the years 1904 and 1905 Mr. Countryman erected a dwelling, one of which he now lives in. In politics he is a Republican, and in the matter of religion is a member of the German Reformed church.

He was united in marriage November 14, 1901, to Nellie Ardene Gaynor, daughter of Thomas and Frances (Fogle) Gaynor, and they have one child, Thelma Marie, born March 3, 1906. Mrs. Countryman was well educated in the common schools, and in 1898 accepted employment as clerk in the large dry goods store of J. H. Siffords & Company of Somerset, Pennsylvania, where she remained until the date of her marriage. Little is known of her paternal ancestry except the fact that when but twelve years of age her father, Thomas Gaynor, left his home in New Jersey to become a drummer-boy in the Union army during the great civil war period. It is related of him that he took passage from home under a box-car, thus riding to the point where he hoped to be admitted to the government service, but upon being rejected he went to Baltimore, Maryland, then drifted north into the copper mine regions, from which location he came to Somerset, Pennsylvania. His marriage occurred in Maryland.

Among the enterprising business factors of Somerset no young man stands higher in business circles than does he for whom this record is given.

CALVIN M. ANKENY.

The grandfather of Calvin M. Ankeny. of Somerset, was Isaac Ankeny, son of Peter Ankeny, and a native of Somerset county. He was a life-long farmer and in politics a Republican. His son, Jones D. Ankeny, was born in Jenner township and received his education in the common schools. He has devoted himself to cultivating the farm which he inherited from his father, and has always been a Republican. He married Elizabeth McDowell, a native of Westmoreland county, and they have six children: Calvin M., of whom later; Mary, Agnes, Laura, Lida and Isaac.

Calvin M. Ankeny, son of Jones D. and Elizabeth (McDowell) Ankeny, was born January 10, 1856, in Somerset county, where until the age of nineteen he attended the common schools. For two years thereafter he assisted his father in the labors of the farm, and upon attaining his majority engaged in the produce business, disposing of his goods in the Johnstown market. At the end of twelve years he purchased a farm, which he cultivated in connection with his business. April 10, 1903, he moved to Somerset, where he bought the house which has since been his home. He is also the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty-nine acres situated in Jenner township, near the old homestead. In addition to these he possesses several pieces of real estate in Johnstown and has a number of interests in the west.

Mr. Ankeny married, December 24, 1890, Cora L. Knepper, the descendant of ancestors who emigrated many years ago from Germany. George Knepper was a Somerset county farmer and married Theressa Wegley, by whom he was the father of the following children: William G., of whom later; Mary Ann, Catharine, and Elizabeth. After the death of his wife Mr. Knepper married Martha Ambrose, and their children were: Henry, Rachael, Harriet, and Maria.

William G. Knepper, son of George and Theressa (Wegley) Knepper, was born in Somerset township and was educated in the common schools of his native county. He was a farmer and in politics a Republican. He married Sarah A. Baker and they have three daughters: Anna, Solista, and Cora L., born December 30, 1868, wife of Calvin M. Ankeny, as mentioned above.

WITT AND WALKER.

Among the business men of energy and ambition in the borough of Somerset, the members of this well known firm rank high. The firm is comprised of George F. Witt and C. B. Walker. The former was born in Somerset, September 10, 1877, son of George W. Witt and wife. The father was a foundry man the best years of his life, and still resides in Somerset. When about seventeen years of age, Mr. Witt commenced to learn the butcher's business with George Auman, of Somerset. He then attended school for a time, which better qualified him for the activities of a business career. He then worked at the trade five or six years at Somerset and a suburb of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, after which he returned to his native borough and became one of the firm of Davis & Witt, which was succeeded by Witt & Baker, who finally sold the market, and Mr. Witt was employed in the Seibert market, the one he had formerly owned an interest in. Finally Mr. Witt purchased the business from Seibert and continued to operate it alone from 1904 to May 17, 1905, when he took for his business partner a farmer, C. B. Walker, whose farm home is situated about four miles from the borough of Somerset, Pennsylvania. The firm is now known as Witt & Walker. They occupy No. 6 North Cross street, where they own a good one-story business house, which is on a leased lot. They buy and slaughter nearly all the meats they sell. They also buy and handle fish, game and poultry and put up their own ice, and in the winter months make a specialty of curing meats. Mr. Walker, the junior member of the firm, attends largely to the buying of the stock consumed in the market. Much of this live stock is bought in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Their market is indeed a model for neatness and well selected meats. Orders by telephone are promptly delivered about the borough, in seasonable market hours.

Mr. Witt married, July 6, 1904, Lottie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker, farmers, living in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. By this union one child has been born: Harold Edward, September 11, 1905.

Of Mr. Walker, the junior member, it may be said that he was born May 23, 1858, the son of Levy and Mary Walker, of Somerset township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was reared to farm labor and still owns and operates a good farm in Somerset township, Somerset county. He married, May 31, 1885, Mary Etta Spangler, daughter of Edward F. and Elizabeth Spangler, and was born July 30, 1866.

JOHN PUGH.

The great-grandfather of John Pugh, of Somerset, was James Pugh, a native of Rhode Island, who came to Somerset about 1780. His wife was Mary Hulett, born in New Jersey, and they had three sons: Hulett, James and Boaz, born in New Jersey, where their parents were married, before they came to Somerset county.

Boaz Pugh, son of James Pugh, was born in Somerset county, and was all his life a farmer and a Republican. He married Susan Weigal, and their children were: Hulett, Saloma, Delila, Mary, John, of whom later; and Rachael.

John Pugh, son of Boaz and Susan (Weigal) Pugh, was born October 15, 1833, in Somerset, and received his education in the common schools. After leaving school he assisted his father on the farm until the outbreak of the civil war, when he enlisted in Company A, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, and served five months, when he contracted typhoid fever and was discharged. He returned home, recovered his health, and in March, 1865, was drafted, being enrolled in Company G, Eighty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served until the close of the war and was discharged June 30, 1865. He returned to Somerset county, where he has since led a farmer's life. In politics he has always been a Republican.

Mr. Pugh married, March 18, 1858, Elizabeth, born in Ohio, daughter of William and Catharine (Boyer) Luke, and their children were: Edward, Sara C., Gerome F., S. S., Jennie B., wife of S. B. Huston; and Irvin W. All are deceased with the exception of Miss S. S. Pugh and Jennie B., wife of S. B. Huston, of Somerset, and has two children; Ruth and Paul. Mrs. Pugh, the mother of the family, died August 18, 1874, and her husband has since remained a widower, his household being presided over by his daughter, Miss S. S. Pugh.

MARTIN A. RUTTER.

Martin A. Rutter, a furniture dealer of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a native of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, born December 9, 1844, son of William and Nancy (Rutter) Rutter, the former born in 1816, was a cabinet maker by trade and died in Huntingdon county in 1859.

Martin A. Rutter attended the public schools until he was fifteen years of age, when he engaged in clerking in a general store at Altoona. In 1862 he accepted a position as traveling salesman, carrying a line of notions, etc., and in 1871-72 conducted this business on his own account. He removed to Ursina in 1873, and the following year went to Centerville. In 1875 he located in Meyersdale, and for three years was occupied in clerking for Elias Miland and S. G. Hartley in their general stores. In 1878 he became interested in the Baltimore & Cumberland Coal Company, and acted in the capacity of superintendent and general manager of same until 1884. He then became postmaster of Meyersdale, retaining this connection until 1889, conducting in connection with the postoffice a stationery and wall paper business. He continued in the latter business until 1891, and then for five years was associated with Kennedy Price in the planing mill business. In 1896 he discontinued this business and opened a furniture store in Meyersdale, in the conduct of which he has since been very profitably engaged. He is a thorough-going, alert business man, carrying a full line of the best house furnishings, and his store enjoys a generous and ever increasing patronage.

Mr. Martin Rutter served in the army for eight months before the close of the war, a member of Company K, Seventy-eighth Volunteer Regiment of Pennsylvania. He enlisted in Blair county in March, 1865, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg in the fall of 1865. He is a Republican in politics, and was elected burgess in 1889, but being appointed postmaster, resigned the former office. Fraternally he holds membership in F. and A. M. No. 554, Hebron No. 272 and Odd Fellows of Meyersdale. In religious faith he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

He married, February 5, 1873, Alma J. Walter, daughter of John and Phebe Walter, of Centerville, and their children were: Charles H., born November 24, 1873; William H., April 4, 1875, married, in 1890, Leila Slicer, daughter of John H. Slicer, of Meyersdale; Nellie May, May 12, 1877, married, June 30, 1904, Samuel H. Agnew, of Monessen; Edna Grace, October 26, 1880, married, October 5, 1905, Daniel C. Keller, of Newark, Ohio; Walter R., July 12, 1883; and Maude, 1886, died January 5, 1890.

AUSTIN ROY KERN.

Austin Roy Kern, a grocer of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Blain, Perry county, August 28, 1874, son of Simon P. and Olivia (Shaeffer) Kern, and grandson of David Kern. Simon P. Kern was born in 1846 in Duboyne township, Perry county, and was for eight or nine years engaged as a school teacher, but subsequently occupied himself in the mercantile business. He was justice of the peace of Perry county for twenty years, and also served as school director and councilman. He married, in 1872, Olivia, the daughter of Daniel Schaeffer, who was county commissioner of Perry county. The following named were the children born of this union: Austin Roy, of whom later; Fred Alvin, born 1876; Clyde Campbell, Frank Shaeffer, and Grace Viola.

Austin Roy Kern received his initial education in the public schools, which he attended until he was twenty-one years of age, and later attended the normal school at Millersville for two terms, and one term at Lock Haven. He then engaged in school teaching for three years, spending two terms in Blain and one term in Duboyne township. Mr. Kern then entered into the mercantile business in Dawson, Fayette county, and in 1899 located in Meyersdale, where he opened the "Racket Store," on Center street. In 1902 he sold out this business and engaged in the grocery business, having his store on the south side, but now in the center of town. Mr. Kern is a thorough-going, capable business man, and has met with good success in his business career.

He married, August 16, 1899, Sarah Florence Rickard, a daughter of J. C. Rickard, of Blain, Pennsylvania, and they have two children, viz.: Emil Rickard, born January 12, 1901; and James Simon, June 30, 1902.

HORACE GREELEY WILL.

Horace Greeley Will, a representative business man of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born in Milford township, July 9, 1865, son of Allen S. and Ann R. (Walter) Will, and grandson of John Will, who was a farmer and one of the pioneer settlers of Milford township, coming there from Berks county, Pennsylvania. He married Nancy Scott, and among their children was a son, Allen S.

Allen S. Will (father) was also a native of Milford township, born March 4, 1828. In his younger days he was a merchant, but he subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits. He received his early education in the public schools and at Millersville Academy. He was for some time a student at Washington and Jefferson College, and for several years taught in the public schools. When the California gold fever was raging, in company with two of his neighbors, he went to that state via the Isthmus of Panama, and for two years joined in the mad search for gold. He met with only moderate success and, his health failing, he returned to Pennsylvania. He was a Republican, and in 1876-1877 was a member of the state legislature of Pennsylvania. He also served in many of the township offices. He was a member of the Lutheran church. His wife, Ann R. Walter, was a daughter of John Walter, of New Centerville. Their children: San Francisco, born July 9, 1854, married W. J. Kimmel, of Milford township; John A., born December 27, 1856, died in 1883; he was principal of the Ursina schools; Viola M., born March 4, 1858, died in January, 1896; Martha A., born May 5, 1860, married M. M. Saylor, of Milford township; Nina V., born June 12, 1862, married I. G. Miller, of Milford; Horace Greeley, of whom later; Harriet B. S., born March 31, 1870, married George B. Saylor, of Meyersdale; Alice C., born October 5, 1871, wife of John L. Moore, of New Centerville; and Clifford A., born July 6, 1873, married Idella Saylor, daughter of Urias M. Saylor, of Middle Creek township, and they live in Milford township on the old homestead.

Horace Greeley Will obtained his early intellectual training in the common schools of his native place, remaining in school until he was sixteen years of age. He then engaged in farming during the summer months and teaching school during the winter months until 1889. He then entered Bethany College, remaining there from 1889 to 1891, inclusive, after which he engaged in teaching one year in the public school, and a number of years in the county normal. He then spent a year in traveling, going over the territory east of the Mississippi, and also Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma. He returned home in 1894, and engaged in farming until February, 1896, when he located in Meyersdale, where he established himself in the furniture business with Martin A. Rutter, under the firm name of Rutter & Will. Their business is a highly successful one, and they are accorded a generous trade. The firm is now Will & Saylor, Mr. Rutter retiring.

Mr. Will is interested in various other enterprises, among them being the Meyersdale Manufacturing Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer, and the Second National Bank, in which he is a stockholder. Fraternally, he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, Knights of Malta, I. O. O. F., Modern Woodmen of America, and A. O. U. W. Politically he accords allegiance to the Republican party, and in religion is a member of the Christian church.

He was united in marriage in August, 1895, to Sadie E. Moore, daughter of Cyrus P. Moore, merchant of New Lexington, Somerset county, and of this marriage four children were born: Howard R., May, 1896; Mary, December, 1898; Lenore, February, 1901; Rebekah, July, 1903, and Louise, April, 1906.

THE HAY FAMILY.

The Hay family of Salisbury is of German origin and has been for at least a century and a half resident in Pennsylvania, being today one of the most numerous and best known in Somerset county.

(I) Simon Hay, who was born in Germany, emigrated thence in 1763, in company with his brother, John Francis Hay. Simon settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade of weaver. While temporarily engaged in threshing he made the acquaintance of a man named Countryman, who assisted him in his labors. Countryman possessed a large tract of land in Brothers Valley township and offered such inducements to Mr. Hay as to cause him to migrate there and purchase a tract of three hundred acres. On this land he erected a gristmill, which he operated to his own advantage and that of his neighbors. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Mary, Elizabeth, Catharine, Susan, Valentine, Jacob, George, Peter S., see forward; and Michael. Mr. Hay died in 1842, at the extraordinary age of one hundred and three.

(II) Peter S. Hay, son of Simon Hay, was born in 1789, in Brothers Valley township, and succeeded his father in the possession of the farm. After the death of his brother, Valentine, who operated the gristmill, this also came into his possession by purchase. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church. Mr. Hay married Elizabeth Walker, and their children were: David, see forward; Michael, Philip, Peter, Valentine, Mary, wife of Moses Young; Susan, wife of George Walker; Elizabeth, wife of John Rink; Catharine, wife of Fred Weller, and Caroline, wife of Samuel Saylor. Mr. Hay, the father, died in 1845.

(III) David Hay, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Walker) Hay, was born September 3, 1814, in Brothers Valley township, and purchased of his father the gristmill, which he operated until about 1850, when he disposed of it and moved to Southampton township, where he purchased a farm. Owing to the death of his wife shortly after, Mr. Hay abandoned farming and passed two years in teaching school and in other occupations. After his second marriage Mr. Hay moved to a farm in Elk Lick township, which he greatly improved, erecting a house and outbuildings. He operated extensively in real estate, dealing in farms, not only in his native state, but also in the west. He was a successful financier and settled numerous estates in a satisfactory manner. In 1857 he was elected to the state legislature on the Democratic ticket. He was a member of the Reformed church and contributed two thousand dollars toward the erection of the present edifice. He also gave one thousand dollars to the church, in trust, the proceeds to be devoted to alleviating the sufferings of the poor in the neighborhood. Mr. Hay was twice married. His first wife was Polly Cook, by whom he was the father of two sons: William H., and Calvin Theodore, see forward. After the death of his wife Mr. Hay married Mrs. Mary A. (Rauch) Boose, the issue of this marriage being one son, Norman D. The death of Mr. Hay occurred April 14, 1878.

(IV) Calvin Theodore Hay, son of David and Polly (Cook) Hay, was born June 18, 1847, at Hay's Mill, Brothers Valley, and acquired a common school education. He began life as a farmer and after a few years moved to Ottawa, Franklin county, Kansas, where he also engaged in agricultural pursuits. Thence he moved to Falls City, Richardson county, Nebraska, where for three years he engaged successfully in purchasing and shipping grain. In 1878, in response to the urgent requests of his father, he returned home and once more became a farmer. In 1882 he moved to Salisbury and built his present fine residence. He also erected Hay's block, in Salisbury. In December, 1904, he opened and has since operated a general department store in Salisbury. He has served as school director, councilman and tax collector. He affiliates with the I. O. O. F., and is a Democrat in politics. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church.

Mr. Hay married, February 27, 1867, Duscilla, daughter of Samuel Devore, of Bedford county, and they were the parents of the following children: David Irving, see forward; Alice, wife of Lewis Keim, of Salisbury; Ora, wife of Charles May, barber of Salisbury; William, of Cumberland, Maryland, married Alice ———; Edward lives in Idaho; Ira, at home; Grace, at home; Harriet, at home; Emma, deceased; Frances (Mrs. Dr. Hunter Perry); Ruth, at home; and Edna, at home.

(V) David Irving Hay, son of Calvin Theodore and Dusscilla (Devore) Hay, was born February 8, 1869, in Elk Lick township, and until the age of fifteen attended the public schools of his native place. He worked in the mines until 1888, when he opened a candy and cigar store in Salisbury, which he conducted until 1891. He was then clerk and bartender in the Hay House until July, 1904, when he became proprietor of the hotel. He has served two terms as councilman and one term as a member of the borough committee. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a Republican. He and his family attend the Reformed church.

Mr. Hay married, March 23, 1890, Edith Catharine, daughter of Alfred Wagner, of Salisbury, and their children are: Harry, Lewis, Edith, Esther, Anna, George, and Imogene.

LEVI LICHLITER.

The paternal great-grandfather of Levi Lichliter, of Salisbury, was a native of Germany, whence he emigrated to this country, settling in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and afterward moving to Somerset county, where his son, Jacob Lichliter, was born about 1792. Jacob Lichliter was a farmer and married Jemima Campbell, who bore him the following children: John C., see forward; Levi, Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary, and Catharine. After the death of his wife Mr. Lichliter married a Miss Williams, by whom he became the father of ten or twelve children.

John C. Lichliter, son of Jacob and Jemima (Campbell) Lichliter, was born in 1815, in Upper Turkey Foot township, and was a farmer and also one of the first public school teachers in Somerset county. Mr. Lichliter married, about 1840, Susan, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Younkin, of Upper Turkey Foot township, and their children were: Henry H. born in 1841, farmer of Murphysburg, Illinois; Harriet, died in childhood; Levi, see forward; and Almira, born December 8, 1847, wife of Walter Boucher, of Salisbury. John C. Lichliter died in 1853, at the early age of thirty-eight. His wife, Susan, died in 1890.

Levi Lichliter, son of John C. and Susan (Younkin) Lichliter, was born November 16, 1845, in Upper Turkey Foot township, where he attended the public schools until 1862. He then began to teach at Walker's Mills, Addison township, and the following year went back to Upper Turkeyfoot township, where he taught for another year, the next year teaching in Middle Creek township. In 1866 he went to Monona county, Iowa, where he taught during the summer in a school afterward presided over by Dwight Hillis, of New York. On returning home he taught in 1867-68 at Salisbury, there being then only one school in the town. He then became clerk in a general store in Salisbury, remaining until 1876, when he taught one term at Elk Lick. During the ensuing twelve years he taught at Salisbury, with the exception of one term, in 1884-85 in Grantsville. In 1888 he established himself in the grocery and feed business with a capital of only five hundred dollars. His sales now amount to sixty thousand dollars yearly. In 1871-72 he held the office of burgess, and from 1880 to 1883 served as school director. From 1902 to 1905 he was president of the town council and since 1876 has held the office of justice of the peace. He is a charter member of Lodge No. 554, F. and A. M., and a Prohibitionist in politics. He is a member of the United Evangelical church.

Mr. Lichliter married, July 11, 1869, Sarah A., daughter of John Smith, of Salisbury, and their family consists of the following children: Christian Stutzman, born May 8, 1870, is and has been for many years with the Merchants' Coal Company of Salisbury; he married Minnie, daughter of David Enos, of Cumberland; their children are: May, Lucille, Florede, Effie, Levi J., Wilbur, and David. Adeline, born May 30, 1871. Emily Katherine, born November 10, 1872, wife of Frank Farner, of Salisbury; their children are: Glen, Mabel and Jean Farner. Edith, born February 26, 1874, teacher. John, born October 13, 1875, married Mary J., daughter of John Reese, of Salisbury; their children are: George and Reese. Elmira, born May 8, 1879, clerk. Francis J., born in 1877, died in 1879. William Cleveland, born April 2, 1884.

WILLIAM WATSON STIVER.

William Watson Stiver is a son of David Casper and Mary (Shartzer) Stiver. David C. Stiver was a native of Centre county, Pennsylvania, but came to Bedford when quite young. Here he learned the trade of a cooper, which occupation he followed all his life. For forty years he made all the barrels used by the Anderson Ayres Company in shipping from Bedford Springs the famous mineral waters of that noted resort. David C. was a Democrat and an active member and class leader of the Methodist church. He married Mary Shartzer, and to them were born twelve children, five of whom are living: William Watson, of whom later; Louise, widow of J. Frank Deal, of Bedford; Samuel F., chief of police of Bedford; Margaret (Mrs. John Williamson), of Bedford; Ross A., liveryman of Bedford. David C. Stiver died in 1889; his widow, Mary, survived him until 1896.

William Watson Stiver, of Meyersdale, was born October 4, 1865, at Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania, where he attended the public schools until the age of fifteen. He learned telegraphy with the Western Union Telegraph Company and for six years was manager of the Bankers' & Merchants' Telegraph Company, of Newburg, Cumberland county. In 1885 he entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Fannettsburg, remaining two years, and in 1887 went to Pittsburg, where he became shipping clerk for A. M. Byers & Company, tile and pipe manufacturers. This position he held until 1893, when he returned to Newburg, and after a few months moved to Newport, Perry county, where he entered the cigar and tobacco business. In 1896 he sold out and moved to Greensburg, where he carried on the same business until 1898. He then returned to Bedford and temporarily retired. In 1899 he went to Meyersdale and purchased the Keystone Hotel, of which he has since been the successful proprietor. He is a stockholder in the Sheet Steel Company of Meyersdale, and is a member of Lodge No. 503, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of Cumberland. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Stiver married, October 13, 1892, Jennie Mabel, daughter of A. J. Stauffer, of Newburg, Pennsylvania. Two children, Marguerite and Lucy.

AMMON W. AND JAMES A. POORBAUGH.

These two brothers, who are residents of Meyersdale, are the grandsons of Samuel Poorbaugh, who was a farmer. He married a Miss Ringler, by whom he was the father of the following children: Benjamin, William Henry, of whom later; John O., Ellen, Lydia, Simon P., Mary, Samuel W., Jeremiah R., and Elizabeth. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Poorbaugh married the widow of Herman Heinemeyer, of Somerset county, the issue of this marriage being one daughter, Grace.

William Henry Poorbaugh, son of Samuel and ——— (Ringler) Poorbaugh, was born in November, 1841, in Stony

Creek township, and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits in connection with the lumber business. He served his township in various capacities, among them that of school director, an office which he held for a number of terms. He was a member of the Reformed church, Sunday school superintendent for ten years of Mt. Lebanon congregation. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. Poorbaugh married Sarah, daughter of Simon Bluebaugh, of Maryland, and their children were: Harvey E., Lucretia M., Ammon Weinbird, of whom later; Nettie, James Allen, of whom later; Alvin P., Pearl E., and Foster T. The death of Mr. Poorbaugh occurred September 24, 1893. Mrs. Poorbaugh is still living, enjoying good health, at Meyersdale.

Ammon Weinbird Poorbaugh and James Allen Poorbaugh, sons of William Henry and Sarah (Bluebaugh) Poorbaugh, were born in Northampton township, the former on May 9, 1878, and the latter on July 24, 1881. Both attended school until about nineteen years old, and were engaged in business as butchers in connection with farming during the greater part of the time until February 1, 1905, when the butchery business of their father's estate was bought out by Ammon Weinbird Poorbaugh and W. F. Muhlenberg, under the firm name of Poorbaugh & Muhlenberg. The connection was maintained until June 10, 1905, when Mr. Muhlenberg sold his interest to James Allen Poorbaugh. It is located on the corner of Center and North streets, Meyersdale. Both brothers are stockholders in the Economy Telegraph Company. Both are Republicans. Ammon Weinbird Poorbaugh is a member of the United Brethren church and James Allen Poorbaugh belongs to the Reformed church.

Ammon Weinbird Poorbaugh married, September 16, 1900, Mollie, daughter of Jacob Bowser, of Meyersdale, and they have one child, Jacob William, born June 28, 1901.

James Allen Poorbaugh married, November 13, 1903, Norah, daughter of Herman Muhlenberg, of Northampton township, and they are the parents of two children: Herman and Lulu.

JEREMIAH J. LIVENGOOD.

The family of which Jeremiah J. Livengood, of Salisbury, is a representative, was founded in this country by the Rev. Peter Livengood, who was one of the early settlers of Elk Lick township. In old records the name is spelled Liebenguth, Liebeggood and Liebegoot. The Rev. Peter Livengood married, in Berks county, Pennsylvania, Barbara ———, and they were the parents of a large family, which formed a conspicuous element in the German population of Pennsylvania. Peter Livengood died in his one hundredth year, and his wife, Barbara, at ninety.

Christian Livengood, son of Peter and Barbara Livengood, was born about 1775, in Berks county, and accompanied his father to Somerset county. He was one of the leading farmers and stockraisers of Elk Lick township. His wife was Elizabeth Forney, and they were the parents of numerous sons and daughters.

John C. Livengood, son of Christian and Elizabeth (Forney) Livengood, was born in 1800, in Elk Lick township, and was a farmer and wagoner on the National Pike. He married Mary, daughter of John Hershberger, of the same township, and their children were: Eliza, Nancy, Samuel, Jeremiah J., see forward; John, Sarah, Elizabeth, Peter, Mary, and Alexander. He was a German Baptist, a Whig and Republican, supervisor of township, and died in 1859. His wife survived him many years.

Jeremiah J. Livengood, son of John C. and Mary (Hershberger) Livengood, was born January 1, 1835, and obtained his education in the public and subscription schools, walking five miles to school when but five years old. He attended school in winter and worked on his father's farm until attaining his majority. He then went to work in a limestone quarry, contracting for one year. In 1857 he apprenticed himself to Samuel Lowry at four dollars a month, but had been with him only a short time when Mr. Lowry gave up the business, which was for one year thereafter conducted by Mr. Livengood in partnership with Samuel Meese. During the ensuing year he was variously employed and then engaged in business for himself in Salisbury as carriage builder, where he has since been continuously in business, with the exception of eighteen months, during which time he was in business in Gebhardtsburg in the same line. About 1868 he was elected burgess of Salisbury without any solicitation on his part, and received all but two of the votes cast. He served for six years and then refused re-election. He was again elected in 1900 for a term of three years, and in February, 1905, was appointed to that office in consequence of the resignation of his predecessor, serving in all twenty years. He has also filled the offices of assistant assessor and auditor of the borough. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Brethren church.

Mr. Livengood married, January 8, 1859, Lydia, born November 9, 1834, daughter of Jacob Lichty, of Salisbury, and they have been the parents of the following children: Trueman, born September 24, 1860, died in infancy. Marshall, born September 20, 1861, is a contractor of house and carriage painting and resides in Meyersdale. He is a member of the Brethren church and a Republican in politics. He married Carrie, daughter of John Ravenscraft, who bore him five children, one of whom is deceased. The surviving children are: Eugene, Mary, Gladys, Jennie. Mary, born December 11, 1865, wife of W. V. Williams, of Meyersdale, and mother of four children; Allan, Harold, Anna and Irene. Emma, born October 10, 1870, wife of Frank Statler, of Salisbury, and mother of one child, Zilpah. Samuel L., born June 27, 1868, a blacksmith and carriage painter, a member of the Brethren church and a Republican. He married Millie, daughter of John Green, of Carlton, Nebraska, and lives in Salisbury. Five children were born to them, one of whom is deceased. The surviving children are: Robert J., Mabel, Margaret and Ralph. Cora, born September 13, 1875, married Alvin Kidner and lives in Salisbury.

JOHN L. GLESSNER.

John L. Glessner, of Berlin, is a son of Tobias Glessner. A full account of the Glessner family from the time of its founding in America, is given in the sketches of Tobias and Frank P. Glessner, which appear elsewhere in this volume.

John L. Glessner was born October 25, 1858, in Stony Creek township, where his education was received in the public schools. He worked for his father until the age of twenty, when he married and rented a farm from his father. This he cultivated for five years, and then for two years was engaged in clearing the timber from a tract of one hundred and thirty acres purchased from his father. The land was heavily timbered with white pine and other trees. April 2, 1887, he purchased from the heirs of Ephraim Ross the farm on which he now resides; it is situated near Downey. His very neat and pretty home he built in 1888, erecting the barn the same year. The farm is well stocked, having good orchards of apples and pears and a sugar camp of four hundred vessels. In addition to this property Mr. Glessner is the owner of another tract. For the last nine years he has been in the farm produce business, and every week throughout the year carries a load of produce to Johnstown. This business he conducts in connection with his farming enterprises and operations. He served at one time as supervisor and is a Democrat in politics. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church.

Mr. Glessner married, November 25, 1877, Hattie J. Will, and their children are: Nellie E., born in 1878, wife of Merle R. Schrock, for fourteen years a teacher in the public schools, a practical surveyor, and a Republican. He and his wife live on the home farm and are members of the Reformed church. Ivy B., born January 15, 1887, wife of John T. Stutzman, a farmer and a Republican. Both are members of the

Reformed church. Mrs. Glessner is a daughter of William C. and Sarah Will, the former a cooper by trade, a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, among them, Hattie J., born April 9, 1858, was educated in the township schools, and is the wife of John L. Glessner. Mr. Will died April 1, 1900, aged seventy-five years, and his widow, born September 30, 1826, resides with her daughter, Mrs. Glessner.

EDGAR HOLMES MILLER.

Edgar Holmes Miller, a druggist of Salisbury, is a descendant on the paternal side of natives of Ireland, and on the maternal side of natives of Scotland, which countries have contributed their quota to the citizenship of America, the representatives therefrom being among the public-spirited and patriotic men who have aided in building up the communities in which they located.

The earliest member of the Miller family on record in Pennsylvania was Christopher Miller, who was born east of the Alleghenies, of Irish ancestors. In 1782 he journeyed west and settled in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he secured a "tomahawk claim" of four hundred acres. He married and was the father of four sons, each of whom received one hundred acres of the homestead farm.

John Miller, one of the four sons of Christopher Miller, was born in 1780. He married, in 1802, Margaret Guy, born near Fredericktown, Maryland, who bore him six sons and one daughter.

Christopher Miller, son of John and Margaret (Guy) Miller, was born in Donegal township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1811, on his father's farm, part of the original "tomahawk claim," and here he always lived. His wife, Sarah J. (Knight) Miller, bore him the following children: William, deceased; John, deceased; Calvin, Lehman, deceased; George, Charles W., see forward; Mary Jane, Margaret and Emily.

Charles W. Miller, son of Christopher and Sarah J. (Knight) Miller, was born March 15, 1848. He was a miller by trade, but for many years has been a traveling salesman for a prominent wholesale house of Pittsburg. He resides in Claysville, Pennsylvania. He married Nancy Elizabeth Holmes, born May 28, 1852, and their children are: Edgar Holmes, see forward; Willard H., a druggist of Berlin; Alice Pearl, and Lulu Elizabeth. William Holmes, great-grandfather of Nancy E. (Holmes) Miller, was captain of a ship plying between Norway and Scotland. He was accidentally killed and was buried in Norway about 1782. William Holmes, son of William Holmes, emigrated to the United States in 1830, landing in New York. He journeyed through Canada, seeking a location, returned to the United States by way of Niagara Falls, and finally decided to locate in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he secured a farm which has ever since been in the Holmes name. He returned to New York for his family, came by water to Baltimore, Maryland, and thence by wagon over the Cumberland road to Claysville. George Y. Holmes, son of William Holmes, was born in Saltcoats, Scotland, May 13, 1820, a farmer of Claysville, married Elizabeth Snodgrass, and they were the parents of Nancy E. (Holmes) Miller.

Edgar Holmes Miller, eldest son of Charles W. and Nancy E. (Holmes) Miller, was born in Dallas, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1877. He attended the public schools, graduating from the high school of Claysville in 1897. The following year he entered the Pittsburg College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in 1900. After completing his professional studies, Mr. Miller selected Salisbury as a location and there in August, 1900, opened an up-to-date pharmacy, which is a model of appointment and efficient service, and here he attained financial success. In April, 1905, in company with his brother, Willard H., he opened a drug store in Berlin under the firm name of Miller & Miller, and in September, 1906, the firm added another store by the purchase of the drug business of W. C. Martin at Munhall, Pennsylvania, a business founded in 1875. Mr. Miller is a Republican and a member of the Reformed church. Although a young man and not long a resident of Somerset county, Mr. Miller has made for himself an honored name in the community with which he has cast his lot and where his social and business qualities have won him many friends.

Mr. Miller married, September 19, 1900, Mary Edith, born January 19, 1876, daughter of T. H. Sawhill, of Claysville. She was educated in the schools of Claysville. Their children are: Edgar Holmes, Jr., born June 10, 1903, and Darrell S., born June 20, 1904.

NORMAN D. HAY.

The family of which Norman D. Hay, of Meyersdale, is a representative, was founded in this country by Simon Hay, who was born near Berlin, Germany, and in 1763 emigrated to the American colonies in company with his brother, John Francis Hay. Simon Hay settled first in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade of weaving. While temporarily engaged in threshing, he became acquainted with a man named Countryman, who was his assistant. Countryman, who was the owner of a large tract of land in Brothers Valley township, persuaded Mr. Hay to remove thither and purchase three hundred acres. On this land he built a gristmill and afterward a fulling mill, which he operated to the advantage of himself and his neighbors. He was the father of the following children: Mary, Elizabeth, Catharine, Susan, Valentine, Michael, Jacob, George, and Peter S., see forward. Mr. Hay, at the time of his death, which occurred in 1842, was more than a centenarian, being one hundred and three years old.

Peter S. Hay, son of Simon Hay, was born in 1789, and succeeded his father in the possession of the farm. He also came into possession of the gristmill on the death of his brother, Valentine, who had previously operated it. To the close of his life he was a farmer. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church. Mr. Hay married Elizabeth Walker, and of their twelve children the following reached maturity: David, see forward; Michael, Philip, Peter S., Valentine, Mary, Susan, Elizabeth, Catharine, and Caroline. Mr. Hay, the father, died in 1845, and his widow survived him many years, passing away in 1880.

David Hay, son of Peter S. and Elizabeth (Walker) Hay, was born September 3, 1814, in Brothers Valley township, and purchased of his father the gristmill, which he operated until about 1850. In that year he disposed of the property and moved to Southampton township, where he purchased a farm, but in a short time, owing to the death of his wife, abandoned agriculture and passed two years in teaching school at a salary of ten dollars per month, and in other occupations. After his second marriage he moved to the farm in Elk Lick township now owned by his son, Norman D. Hay. The property then presented an uninviting appearance, but the aspect of things was soon changed by the fine buildings which Mr. Hay caused to be erected. In accomplishing this he was materially aided by his wife, who also furnished the plans for the erection of the house. Mr. Hay was largely interested in real estate, dealing in farms not only in his native state, but also in the west, and was a successful financier. He settled up numerous estates in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. In 1857 he was elected to the state legislature on the Democratic ticket. He was a member of the Reformed church, and not only gave two thousand dollars toward the erection of the present church edifice, but also one thousand dollars to the church, in trust, the proceeds to be devoted to alleviating the sufferings of the poor in the neighborhood.

Mr. Hay married Polly Cook, who bore him two sons: William H., and Calvin Theodore. Mrs. Hay died September, 1850, and Mr. Hay subsequently married Mrs. Mary A. (Rauch) Boose, by whom he was the father of one son, Norman D., see forward. Mrs. Hay was born in 1825, and was a daughter of

John Rauch, whose great-grandfather emigrated from Hagerstown, Maryland, to Brothers Valley township, where he was one of the first settlers. The first husband of Mrs. Hay was John A. Boose, to whom she was married in 1846; his death occurring in 1847, when in his twenty-second year. He was a member of the Lutheran church. By her first marriage Mrs. Hay was the mother of one son, John Rufus Boose, recorder of Somerset county. The death of Mr. Hay occurred April 14, 1878.

Norman D. Hay, son of David and Mary A. (Rauch) (Boose) Hay, was born October 2, 1854, on the homestead in Elk Lick township, where he attended the public schools until the age of nineteen. Upon the death of his father he took charge of the farm, of which he became the owner and which he has since retained and managed. The estate consists of two hundred acres. Since 1891 he has also owned and worked the Rauch farm in Brothers Valley township. He is interested in mineral lands in various parts of Somerset county. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Bank of Somerset, a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Salisbury, and vice-president of the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset County. For six years he held the office of school director. He is a Democrat and a member of the Reformed church, in which for six years he served as deacon, and for the last twenty years has been elder.

Mr. Hay married, December 11, 1879, Agnes, born in 1856, daughter of John Glotfelty, who, when a lad of eleven years, carried the mail from Grantsville, Maryland, to Ebensburg, Cambria county, a distance of ninety miles, along unfrequented roads which crossed the Allegheny mountains, taking a week to make the trip. Mr. and Mrs. Hay are the parents of the following children: Mary, born December 1, 1881; Blanche and Pearl (twins), March 21, 1886; Maude, November 30, 1889; and Florence, September 27, 1894. Of these children, Mary was educated at the Woman's College, of Frederick, Maryland, and is engaged in teaching. Blanche and Pearl are graduates from the Salisbury high school. All are musicians, Mary, Pearl and Maude being pianists and Blanche a violinist.

FREDERICK GROFF.

Frederick Groff, one of the leading merchants and representative citizens of Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a native of that town, and is of German descent.

(I) Frederick Groff, grandfather of Frederick Groff, and the founder of the family in America, was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 9, 1811. He married Christiana Slager, born in

Bavaria, Germany, February 18, 1812, and they emigrated to this country about 1835, and settled in Pennsylvania.

(II) John A. Groff, son of Frederick (1) and Christiana (Slager) Groff, was born in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1841. He received a good education in the public schools of his native town. He enlisted, August 20, 1862, in the Union army as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Forty-second Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was severely wounded in the thigh by a minie ball in the battle of Fredericksburg, and was sent to the hospital. After his recovery he was transferred by general order No. 202, adjutant-general's office, to the Veteran Reserve Corps, Twelfth Regiment, Company A, Captain James Cromies, from which he was honorably discharged June 27, 1865. After the war he turned his attention to farming. He was a Republican for many years, but later in life became an adherent of the Prohibition party. He was a member and regular attendant at Trinity Lutheran church, and died November 13, 1902. John A. Groff married, February 9, 1868, Elnora Swope, born September 13, 1847, in Berlin, daughter of Frederick Swope, born in Germany, August 12, 1791, and his wife, Barbara, born in Germany, April 13, 1809. Mr. and Mrs. Swope came to America when they were both very young. Mrs. Groff is a member of the Reformed church and resides in Berlin. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Groff were: Frederick Groff, of whom later; Augusta, now Mrs. C. C. Eskens, of Berlin; John, married Lucy Ream. He is a clerk in Berlin; Sophia, married W. P. Walker, now living in Cedar Falls, Iowa; Edwin, died in childhood; Edna, wife of H. W. Musser, of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Harry, married Lizzie Feigley, and lives in Pittsburg; Frank, a clerk in Berlin; and Robert, a cigarmaker of Berlin.

(III) Frederick Groff, son of John A. (2) and Elnora (Swope) Groff, was born in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1869. He was educated in the public schools of Berlin and was an earnest, studious pupil during his attendance there. He commenced his business career as clerk in some of the stores of the town, and was thus occupied for about three years. During 1889-90 he taught school in Allegheny and Northampton townships. During the spring of 1891 he took a commercial course in the Iron City Business College in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in order to fit himself for a mercantile life. In the same year he opened a grocery store in Berlin, and this venture proved so successful that other departments were added from time to time until now Mr. Groff is the proprietor of a finely equipped modern department store, which has succeeded the little grocery store, its progenitor. A large force of clerks is employed, exclusive lines of well known manufactures are handled, and the goods are displayed in an elegant and attractive manner. This result has been achieved by close application to business, good practical methods, and a liberal use of modern advertising methods, in which Mr. Groff is a firm believer. When the First National Bank was organized, Mr. Groff was chosen one of the directors and elected its first vice-president, an office he still fills; he is also treasurer of the Co-operative Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Somerset County, holding this office since the organization of the company in 1898. Since casting his first vote Mr. Groff has been an ardent member of the Third Party Prohibitionists. For two years he was chairman of the county committee of that party, and a liberal contributor to its funds and success. He has been burgess of Berlin, and a councilman elected on the Prohibition ticket. He is a political enthusiast and fearlessly expresses his opinions, firmly believing that Prohibition is the true solution of the liquor question. He is a member and steward of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is also a member. He is also a member of Lodge No. 461, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of W. E. Conrad Camp, No. 118, Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Groff married, November 8, 1890, Elizabeth J. Musser, born November 17, 1869, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Musser, of Brothers Valley township, Pennsylvania. Mr. Musser was a farmer, a member of the Reformed church, and a Democrat. He died October 19, 1889. The children of Frederick and Elizabeth Groff are: Margaret Edna, born May 21, 1892; Eleanor Grace, May 19, 1894; Marion Elizabeth, June 9, 1898; Ena Gertrude, March 26, 1900. The children were all born in Berlin and are attending the public schools in that town.

HIRAM P. HAY.

The family of which Hiram P. Hay, of Berlin, is a representative, was founded in this country by Simon Hay, who came from Germany in 1763 and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, where he followed the trade of a weaver. He was induced to purchase a tract of three hundred acres in Brothers Valley township, and settled on the farm now owned by E. E. Boyer, erecting a gristmill, and afterward a planing mill. On the farm still stands the old stone house, erected in 1790, and today in good condition. Simon Hay and his wife, who was Miss Anna May, were the parents of the following children: Mary, Elizabeth, Catharine, Susan, Valentine, Michael, Jacob, George, and Peter, of whom later. Mr. Hay lived to be more than a centenarian, his death occurring in 1842 at the age of one hundred and three.

Peter Hay, son of Simon Hay, was born in 1789, and succeeded his father in the possession of the farm, and after the death of his brother, Valentine, who operated the gristmill, this also came into his possession by purchase. The farm is now owned by his grandson. S. Sylvester. Mr. Hay and his wife were members of the Reformed church. Mr. Hay married Elizabeth, daughter of Philip Walker, and of their twelve children ten reached maturity: David, deceased; Michael, Philip, of whom later; Peter S., Mary, Susan, Elizabeth, Catharine, Valentine and Caroline. Mr. Hay's death occurred in 1845, and his widow survived until 1880.

Philip Hay, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Walker) Hay, was born April 3, 1820, on the homestead, and received a common school education. His farming operations were extensive and he was largely engaged in stock raising. He served the township as assessor, and in early life was a Whig, but later became a Democrat. He was a member of the Hay's church congregation of the Reformed church, which he served as deacon and elder, and was also connected with the Sunday school, taking the deepest interest in all branches of church work. Mr. Hay married, February 5, 1846, Anna Olinger, born August 29, 1824, at Myersdale, and their children were: William P., farmer of Somerset county, has held various county and township offices, married Annie Cober; Sylvester S., lives on homestead, married Alice Berkley; Hiram P., of whom later; Peter S., farmer of Brothers Valley township, married Clara Walker; Melinda, wife of Millard Walker, farmer of Brothers Valley township; Clara A., wife of Wilson E. Walker, farmer near Berkley; P. Ephraim, farmer, lives with his brother, Sylvester; Sarah, wife of Lewis Berkley; Luke, lives at Myersdale, married Mary Miller; Ellen, died in 1860, at the age of ten years; Mark, died in infancy. The mother of these children died October 27, 1868, and the death of Mr. Hay occurred August 15, 1902.

Hiram P. Hay, son of Philip and Anna (Olinger) Hay, was born April 8, 1852, on the homestead, and obtained his education in the common and normal schools. He remained at home, working on the farm, until coming of age, and then taught for three terms in the public schools. After his marriage he moved on the John Fritz farm, where he remained three years. At the end of that time, in consequence of the death of his wife, he sold the property and returned to the profession of teaching. In 1884 he bought the farm on which he has since resided, devoting himself to agricultural pursuits and to dealing in stock, being one of the largest dealers in horses, cows and all kinds of farm stock in the county. The estate consists of three hundred and seventy acres of fine farming and grazing land, having an abundance of fruit, principally apples, and a sugar camp of twelve hundred vessels, producing from three hundred to six hundred gallons of maple syrup yearly. Coal underlies the farm, the interest being retained by Mr. Hay. He is vice-president of the Philson National Bank of Berlin, and is also interested in the Berlin Mercantile Company and the Berlin Improvement Company. He was for several years president of the Union Association and Farmers' Fire Insurance Company of Somerset County. He has served the township as school director and is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the Reformed church, of which he was formerly deacon and is now elder, being also superintendent of the Sunday school and taking an active interest in the various religious and benevolent societies of the church.

Mr. Hay married, September 20, 1877, Susan B., daughter of William Fritz, and they were the parents of one son, Edwin, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hay died in 1880, at the age of twenty-eight, and on May 9, 1884, Mr. Hay married Ida Walker, by whom he became the father of the following children: Alverta G., born March 16, 1885, educated in public schools and Woman's College of Frederick, Maryland; Walter E., born January 22, 1887, educated in common and normal schools of the county; Homer E., born December 4, 1894. All these children are at home with their parents. Mrs. Hay is a daughter of Hiram P. and Elizabeth Walker, of Summit township, near Garrett. Mr. Walker is one of the wealthiest farmers of the county, and is prominent as a business man. He is a Democrat, and has served as deacon and elder in the Lutheran church. He and his wife are the parents of the following children: Foster, Norman, farmer of Brothers Valley township; Preston and Jared, farmers of Summit township; Bruce, merchant and coal operator of Garrett; Frank and Wallace, farmers of Summit township; Lily, who, with her brother, Wallace, lives at home; and Ida, born June 22, 1865, received a good education and is a member of the Lutheran church. She is now the wife of Hiram P. Hay.

JACOB M. KNEPPER.

Jacob M. Knepper, one of the leading agriculturists of Stony Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, who has been auditor of the township, is at present serving his second term as school director, and has held many other positions of trust and responsibility in that section of the country, is a representative of a family which has been located in Somerset county for four generations, and which has done its full share toward the improvement of the agricultural interests of that district.

(I) John Knepper, great-grandfather of Jacob M. Knepper, was born in 1765, and removed to Somerset county. He located in Brothers Valley township, and was a shoemaker by trade. He married Anna Maria Glessner, and had children:

William, who served with honor in the war of 1812; Jacob, John, of whom later; Lewis, Peter, Jonathan, George, Simon, Henry, Benjamin, Elizabeth (Mrs. Hauger), Catherine (Mrs. Hay), and Polly (Mrs. Haas).

(II) John Knepper, son of John (1) and Anna Maria (Glessner) Knepper, was born in Somerset county, 1795. He was the first Abolitionist in Brothers Valley, and the only voter in the township who cast his ballot for the Free Soil candidates. He married Susan Stahl and had children: Lewis J., of whom later; Solomon, David, John, Peter, James, Sarah (Mrs. Coleman), Elizabeth (Mrs. Graham), Rebecca (Mrs. Cober), Polly (Mrs. Smith), and Susan (Mrs. Myers). John Knepper, father of the above-named children, died in 1857.

(III) Lewis J. Knepper, eldest child of John (2) and Susan (Stahl) Knepper, was born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1819. He was educated in the public schools of the township, in which he afterward taught for twenty-one years. Abandoning the profession of teaching, he turned his attention to farming, which occupation he followed for the remainder of his active working years. In politics he was a Republican, and during his life held many township offices. He connected himself with the German Baptist church in early life, died in that faith, having held the office of deacon in his church for thirty-five years. He was greatly interested in all branches of church and charitable work and assisted his pastor, Rev. William C. Schrock, to establish the first Sabbath school in the Brothers Valley congregation. He married (first), September 9, 1849, Magdalena Meyers, born January 24, 1824, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Lichty) Meyers, and had children: Mary A.; Jacob M., of whom later; Solomon M.; William M., deceased; Elizabeth S., Ellen R. and Emanuel L., of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Knepper died October 20, 1865. Lewis J. Knepper married (second) Elizabeth Walker, and had children: Charles W. and Edward, both farmers in Brothers Valley, and Henry and Emma, who died in childhood.

(IV) Jacob M. Knepper, second child and eldest son of Lewis J. (3) and Magdalena (Meyers) Knepper, was born on the old Good farm, now owned by Wesley Landis, October 19, 1851. He received a good educational training in the public and normal schools of Berlin, and qualified for the profession of teaching. At the age of seventeen he began the active work of teaching in the Brothers Valley schools, where he labored with success for five years, then for four years in the schools of Stony Creek township. At the end of this period he farmed for one year with Jacob Reiman, and in 1877 bought from Elias Layman his present farm, where he has since resided. This farm is a good one of two hundred and fifty acres, well stocked with a fine grade of farm cattle. Mr. Knepper is also extensively engaged in stock dealing and feeding. On the farm is a sugar camp of four hundred vessels that has produced one thousand pounds in one season. It has an abundance of fruit of all kinds, but principally apples. He has greatly improved the farm by draining and tiling the bottom lands and converting them into profitable hay fields. The farm house was entirely remodeled in 1903 and is now a very attractive and comfortable dwelling, and the outbuildings are ample and well constructed. Mr. Knepper keeps well abreast of the times and is always ready to introduce any improvement or invention which appeals to him as being a practical labor and time saving device. His activities are not confined exclusively to the farming interests, but branch out in various directions. He was a director of the Union Association and Farmers' Fire Insurance Company of Somerset county for ten years, is interested in the First National Bank of Berlin, also in the Economy Telephone Company of Meyersdale. He has held other positions of trust and has settled several estates. In politics he is a Republican and has served as auditor of the township and is now serving his second term as school director. He is a member of the German Baptist church, in which he has officiated as deacon, and is a teacher in the Sabbath school connected with it, where he has served very acceptably as superintendent.

He married, March 12, 1875, Susan Reiman, born March 12, 1852, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Reiman, of Stony Creek township. She was educated in the public schools and is a member of the German Baptist church. Their children are: Homer R., born September 1, 1876, educated in the common and normal schools of the township. He taught for five years in the public schools of Stony Creek, is now (1906) a farmer in that township. He married, March 21, 1899, Laura J. Shober, daughter of S. V. Shober, and they have children: Ellwood S., Clarence J. and Edna S., who died in infancy; Alvin R., born September 14, 1881, educated in the public schools and is now a farmer. He married, September 27, 1901, Mary S. Myers, daughter of Joseph Myers, of Milford, and they have children: Myers E. and Leora E.

RICHARD T. POLLARD, M. D.

The career of Dr. Pollard, of Garrett, is a striking instance of the possibility for a young man of energy, perseverance and good character to rise superior to his circumstances and environment and to make for himself an honored position in any community.

Richard T. Pollard is descended from a family of mine workers of Cornwall, England. His father, Thomas Pollard, was a tin dresser at the Cornwall tin mines. He was a fairly well educated man and a member of the Primitive Methodist church. He and his wife, Elizabeth Pollard, were the parents of six children, all of whom attained years of maturity, and three of whom came to America: William, deceased; Elizabeth Jane, deceased, and Richard T., whose name heads this sketch. Thomas Pollard died in England, 1886.

Richard T. Pollard was born at Chacewater, Cornwall, England, November 24, 1848. He had none of the advantages of early education, but from youth worked in the tin and copper mines of his native country. He came to America at the age of twenty, and at that time did not know his multiplication table and was equally backward in all other branches. He first went to Hibernia, Morris county, New Jersey, where he was employed in the mines until 1871, when he came to Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and entered the employ of William H. Welfley, the author of this history. He assisted him in his photographic work for about one year, and for several years thereafter mined and farmed in the southern part of the county. In 1889 he began the study of medicine at the Baltimore Medical College. In the years since 1871, when he began his studies under L. A. Smith, editor of the *Meyersdale Commercial,* he had studied and earnestly applied himself at all possible times to improve his mind. He denied himself all pleasures and luxuries in order to further the object he had in view, namely, the securing of an education. He spent two years in Baltimore Medical College, graduating therefrom in 1891. He then entered Western University of Pennsylvania, completing his course there in 1893 and obtaining his diploma as a regular practitioner of the allopathic or old school of medicine.

Dr. Pollard began practicing his profession at Hagerstown, Maryland, where he remained two years. He then located in Garrett, Pennsylvania, where he has practiced very successfully for the past thirteen years, and has proved the wisdom of his choice of a profession. He is a member of the state and county medical societies, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Surgeons' Association, and is local surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Garrett. He is an elder of the German Baptist Brethren church and frequently fills the pulpits of that denomination. He belongs to the Berlin congregation. In politics he is a Republican and has served his borough as councilman and school director.

Dr. Pollard married, May 2, 1879, Mrs. Hannah Kimmel, widow of Peter Kimmel, of Elderton, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. She is a daughter of Joseph and Catherine Shoemaker. By her first marriage there was one child, Ida, wife of William H. Miller, of Garrett. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Pollard are: Thomas S., a miner, married Ida Walter, and their children are Richard, William and Goldie. Lee W., a druggist of Garrett, married Rosa McQuaide, and they have one child, Richard E. Pollard. Dr. Pollard has a well appointed home in Garrett, where he also has his office, and here he is enjoying the comforts and pleasures made possible by his earlier years of self-denial and earnest effort.

RUFUS M. BEACHY.

Rufus M. Beachy, an active and successful veterinary surgeon of Meyersdale, was born in Garrett county, Maryland, January 30, 1867. He is a son of Manasses J. and Elizabeth (Heddings) Beachy, and a grandson of Jonas and Sarah (Gnagey) Beachy. Jonas Beachy was of Pennsylvania birth, but his parents were natives of Germany. He lived the life of a Maryland farmer and was a minister and bishop of the Amish church. He died in Maryland (in which state his wife also died), aged eighty-six years, and when eighty-five he walked seven miles to preach to his people on the Sabbath.

Manasses J. Beachy (father) was a farmer in Elk Lick township, where he was born. His education was obtained in the subscription schools, and his early life was spent on the farm, which lay along the state line. He had some skill as a veterinarian and practiced to some extent among the farmers of that region. Part of his time he lived in Maryland, where some of his children were born. He was a Republican, and, like his father, was a minister and bishop of the Amish people, comprising the Elk Lick congregation. His first wife was Barbara Swartzendruber, by whom he had one child, Anna (Mrs. John K. Yoder, of Allensville, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania). His second wife was Elizabeth Heddings, who bore him the following children: Rufus M., of whom later; Amos, deceased; Lewis, a farmer of Preston county, Virginia; Moses, who farms the old homestead; Phœbe, deceased (Mrs. Peter Smoker); Alvin, a farmer of Oregon; Mary, deceased (Mrs. Jonas M. Yoder). Manasses J. Beachy died June 21, 1895. His widow, Elizabeth (Heddings) Beachy, became Mrs. Samuel J. Miller and lives near Springs, Pennsylvania.

Rufus M. Beachy was educated in the public schools of the township. His early life was spent on the farm; in fact, nearly all his life has been spent in and around it. He early began to accompany his father on his visits, and when but thirteen years old was sent alone to attend a sick horse. He treated the case successfully, staying with his patient all night. From that time until the present (1906) he has followed the veterinary profession, and it may truly be said that he has grown up in it. The practical knowledge gained from actual experience has been supplemented by an extensive course of professional reading and study, and now he has a large and successful practice that occupies his entire time. His office and laboratory in Meyersdale are well equipped with instruments, remedies and an extensive library of works pertaining to his profession. He sold his farm in 1904, which was the home farm, purchased at the time of his marriage, and which he cultivated in connection with his veterinary work, also his lime and stone business, in order to devote his entire time to his profession.

Mr. Beachy married, December 23, 1888, at the age of twenty-two, Lydia, born October 13, 1866, daughter of Emanuel and Mary (Miller) Heishberger, from Grantsville, Maryland. Their children were: Jonas, born December 31, 1889; John, born May 7, 1891, died July 3, 1894; Noah, born September 22, 1896, died in infancy.

JOHN M. LAMBERT.

John M. Lambert, of Lambertsville, is descended from ancestors who were among the pioneers of Stony Creek township. About 1789 three brothers, John, George and Jacob Lambert, came from York county and took up lands in Stony Creek and Shade townships. John, who settled in Stony Creek, married Mary Statler, who bore him the following children: Samuel, of whom later; Jacob, John, Moses, Mary, Samuel and Catharine, wife of Solomon Kimmel.

Samuel Lambert, son of John and Mary (Statler) Lambert, was born in Stony Creek township and was the owner of a large estate, including about six hundred acres of fine timber land. He was a Whig and a member of the Reformed church. He married Sarah Good, by whom he was the father of the following children: Josiah, Aaron, Rebecca, Sarah; Abraham, in honor of whom Lambertsville received its name; John; Samuel, of whom later; Moses, George and Mary, wife of Cyrus Berkebile. Mr. Lambert died in 1869, aged seventy-five years.

Samuel Lambert, Jr., son of Samuel and Sarah (Good) Lambert, was born November 7, 1826, where Lambertsville now stands, and attended the public schools of the township. His trade, which was that of a wagonmaker, he followed all his life in his native town. He was also the proprietor of a sash factory. He held the office of tax collector. He was originally a Whig, but later became a Republican. His religious belief was that of the German Reformed church, in which he served as deacon. Samuel Lambert, Jr., married Nancy E. Mostoller, born November 7, 1836, and received her education in the public schools. She was a daughter of Joseph Mostoller, born May 5, 1800, and married Sarah Mowry. Mr. Mostoller died December, 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert were the parents of the following children: Edward M., lumberman of Berlin, married Annie Fritz; Calvin; Francis Orange, died in childhood; Cyrenius A., died at the age of sixteen; Azariah, died at the age of thirty-four; Lorenzo, farmer in Wisconsin, Republican, married Mary Hayes and has two children, Hayes and Ray; Jarius, lumberman of Kimmelton, Republican, married Annie Woods and after her death Clara Wright; children of first marriage, Homer and Percy, and those of second, Arlington and Mildred; Ellsworth J., farmer of Stony Creek township, Republican, married Maggie Gohn, and after her death Bertha Cook; children of first marriage, Bertie Orange, Ida and Guy; Irvin L., miner of Downey, Republican, married Kate Landis and has three children, George, Blanche and Lee; Sidney, professional nurse, graduate of Memorial Hospital, Johnstown; John M., of whom later. Mr. Lambert, the father of the family, died October 7, 1897, and his widow resides with her youngest son.

John M. Lambert, son of Samuel and Nancy E. (Mostoller) Lambert, was born June 11, 1870, in Lambertsville, and obtained his education in the common and normal schools, where he qualified as an instructor. At the age of seventeen he completed his education, and for five years thereafter was engaged in teaching. When twenty-two years old he entered the railway postal service, having the year before passed the civil service examination in Pittsburg. He was first employed in the Pittsburg & Fair Chance railway postoffice, where he remained sixteen months. At the end of that time he was transferred to the New York and Pittsburg railway postoffice. On this exceedingly important and difficult run he remained six years and then secured a transfer to the Johnstown and Rockwood railway postoffice, where he was employed six years. Mr. Lambert is extensively interested in lumbering, his associate in the business being his brother Jarius. The firm has a tract of sixty acres of timber land, and a sawmill at Mostoller Station, where they saw and ship the manufactured timber, pine, hemlock, oak and other hardwoods forming the principal output of their mill. Mr. Lambert resides on a tract of twenty acres, which he purchased of his father, the farm producing an abundance of fruit of all kinds. He is a life member of Johnstown Lodge, No. 175, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politice he has always affiliated with the Republicans, having cast his first presidential vote in 1892 for Benjamin Harrison.

Mr. Lambert married, July 2, 1895, Ora Goodrich, and their children are: Quay, born December 30, 1896, and Evelyn, born November 17, 1902. Mrs. Lambert is a daughter of Augustus and Matilda Goodrich, the former a lumberman of Indiana county, Pennsylvania. She was born December 11, 1874, was educated in the public schools and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

EDWARD G. MOSTOLLER.

Edward G. Mostoller, of Mostoller, is a grandson of John Mostoller, who passed his entire life as a farmer in Somerset county. His son, George Mostoller, was born in 1802 in Stony Creek township and was a cabinetmaker, lumberman and farmer. His political affiliations were first with the Whigs and later with the Republicans. He was a member of the Allbright church. George Mostoller married Bevy Custer and they were the parents of one child, Edward G., of whom later. Mr. Mostoller died, November 22, 1872, from the effects of injuries received from an infuriated bull.

Edward G. Mostoller, son of George and Bevy (Custer) Mostoller, was born July 20, 1838, on the farm where he now resides. His educational opportunities were very limited, being restricted to attendance at school during two winters, but in after life he found means of supplying his early deficiencies. He remained with his father, working on the farm and running the sawmill, until the age of twenty-two, when he married, and on the death of his father, being the sole heir, he came into possession of the estate. In addition to the homestead, which consists of three hundred and fifty-two acres, he is the owner of a timber tract of three hundred and twenty-one acres and another of three hundred acres, with the sawmill. All these are in Stony Creek township and were owned by his father in partnership with others. After his father's death they were sold and were awarded to Mr. Mostoller as the highest bidder. The latter is the owner of still another tract of timber (principally yellow pine) of four hundred acres, situated in Shade township. The homestead farm is well timbered, thoroughly stocked, and the improvements are of the best. In 1884 Mr. Mostoller built, at Mostoller Station, a large flouring mill, which he equipped with the new roller process machinery, making it the best mill property in the state at that time. The mill is not now in operation. Mr. Mostoller is interested, with others, in a tract of three thousand acres of coal land in West Virginia, and also in a company drilling for oil wells in Somerset county. For the last sixteen years he has conducted a grocery store at the station in connection with the postoffice, of which he has been postmaster since 1889, the office having come to him unsolicited. Politically he is a Republican. He and his wife are members ot the Evangelical church, of which he is a trustee.

Mr. Mostoller married, February 20, 1860, Lavinia, born April 1, 1841, daughter of John Swank, farmer of Somerset township, and their children are: Elizabeth, became the wife of Joseph Lambert, a farmer of Stony Creek township; they had two children, Arthur and Leroy. Mrs. Elizabeth Lambert died February 6, 1884. John E., born December 8, 1861, is a mill worker of Kimmelton, Pennsylvania, a Republican and a member of the Evangelical church. He married Sarah E., daughter of Albert Wright, and has five children: Marietta, Clara F., George M., Albert W. and Alma Z. Irvin, died in childhood. Catharine J., died in childhood. Martha, died in childhood. George G., born March 5, 1868, millworker of Mostoller, Republican, married Ida Lear and has two children, Darl and Earl. Winton R., born April 22, 1873, fireman on Baltimore & Ohio railroad, Republican. Sylvester H., born September 22, 1876, lives at Mostoller, fireman on Baltimore & Ohio railroad, Republican, married Elizabeth Critchfield and has three children: Pearl, Martha and Meredith. Minnie J., born February 28, 1879, wife of Peter Zimmerman, died November, 1902, leaving one child, Melda May. Ida F., born September 25, 1882, living at home. These children were all educated in the common and normal schools of the county.

JOHN O. REAM.

John O. Ream, of Berlin, is a great-grandson of Michael Ream, who was a manufacturer of hats in Berlin, Pennsylvania, moving thence to Berlin, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring at an advanced age.

Joseph Ream, son of Michael Ream, was born November 23, 1800, at Berlin, where he followed his trade of hatter. He was a Democrat. He married, about 1822, Elizabeth Zorn, born August 31, 1802, and their children were: Sarah, widow of Peter Zimmerman, lives in Stoystown; Charles, of Berlin, married Mary Shaffer, and after her death Emma Rhodes; William, of Boswell, married Mary Meyers, and after her death the widow of Henry Penrod; Philip, of Portland, Oregon, married Lydia Black; Daniel, married Catharine Bill, and after her death Lizzie Homer, and died in 1904, aged seventy-five; Catharine died in 1905, aged seventy-three, wife of Philip Coleman; Barbara died in infancy; Michael, of whom later; Joseph, killed in the battle of Gettysburg; Jane, widow of Joseph Imhoff, lives in Berlin; Jacob, of Berlin, married Elizabeth Snyder, and after her death Harriet Gumbert. By a remarkable coincidence the father and mother of this family expired on the same day, November 26, 1863.

Michael Ream, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Zorn) Ream, was born November 5, 1834, and learned the carpenter's trade, being for twenty years thereafter engaged in erecting buildings in Somerset county. In 1862 he was married, and the following day—August 20—enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. While engaged in helping to build one of the forts erected for the defense of Washington, he was injured by a falling tree, and was subsequently transferred to the One Hundred and Ninth Company, Second Battalion, Invalid Corps. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged. After his return home Michael engaged in farming near Berlin, and in 1890 entered into partnership with his son, John O., first in meat dealing and afterward in the livery business. In 1898 he sold his interest, and is now leading a retired life at Berlin. His residence, built in 1902, is in the eastern part of the town, and is a very attractive, pleasant home. He is a Prohibitionist and a member and trustee of the United Evangelical church.

Mr. Ream married, August 19, 1862, Mary, born October 26, 1838, daughter of John and Eve (Zerfoss) Shaffer, the former a farmer of Somerset township and a Democrat. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Their daughter Mary was educated in the public schools. Mrs. Shaffer lived to be ninety-one and her husband passed away at the age of ninety-two. The family of Michael and Mary Ream consists of the following children: Irvin, born April 14, 1865, Democrat, married Belinda Snyder and has six children; Susan B., born November 13, 1866, deceased; Darley Alice, born February 1, 1868, member of United Evangelical church, married Herbert Strawn, and after his death Milton Landis, four children by first marriage and two by second; John O., of whom later; Mary E., born October 26, 1871, member of United Evangelical church, wife of Nevin Allfather, of Berlin, has three children; Hiram L., born March 26, 1874, of Berlin, Republican, married Gertrude Urhardt, has three children; Florence, born October 13, 1875, member of United Evangelical church, wife of Franklin Zorn, of Berlin, has three children; Cloyd Sylvester, born September 30, 1877, at home, Democrat; Lucy E., born December 4, 1880, member of United Evangelical church, wife of John Groff, clerk in Groff's Department Store, Berlin, has one child. All these children were educated in the township and Berlin schools. The mother of the family is a member of the Lutheran church.

John O. Ream, son of Michael and Mary (Shaffer) Ream, was born September 20, 1869, near Berlin, in Brothers Valley township, where he received his education in the common schools, afterward attending the Berlin Normal school. He worked on his father's farm until the age of twenty, when he went to Mount Savage, Maryland, and there learned the business of a butcher under the instruction of Joseph Snyder. In 1890 he returned to Berlin and entered into partnership with his father, opening a meat market and restaurant under the firm name of Ream & Son. This connection was maintained eight years and the business prospered. In 1895 the firm added to their establishment a livery stable, which has proved a very good investment, and in 1898 Mr. Ream purchased his father's interest, thus becoming sole owner. In 1903 he erected a modern bakery, which was successful from the start and gives constant work to the men employed there. In addition to supplying the town daily with meats and bakery products, the wagons make daily trips to the mines and surrounding villages. The livery business has grown to large proportions, requiring from fifteen to twenty horses to meet the demands. The restaurant was abandoned some time ago, and the grocery business, which was carried on in connection with the meat market, is now in process of closing. The market is situated on Berlin's main street and has recently been enlarged and refitted. There Mr. Ream has his office and transacts the business of his different enterprises, which are all in a flourishing condition. He owns the Knepper farm of two hundred acres, near Berlin. This estate is partially worked, but is used chiefly as a stock farm, where Mr. Ream fattens the cattle which he has purchased elsewhere by the carload for the retail trade. He also owns and rents a two-story brick residence adjoining his market property. The bakery is situated in the east part of the town and is a residence and bakery combined.

Mr. Ream has served the town three years as auditor, and for three terms has been councilman of the borough. He belongs to Berlin Post, Sons of Veterans, and is a Democrat in politics. He is a member and trustee of the Lutheran church and also a teacher in the Sunday school. He is unmarried.

TOBIAS GLESSNER.

The family of which Tobias Glessner, of Berlin, is a representative, was founded in this country by Jacob Glessner, a native of Germany, who emigrated to the American colonies about 1735 and settled on a farm near Berlin, where for more than half a century he was loved and respected by all his neighbors. He was an elder of the Berlin congregation of the Reformed church, the pastor of this church, in 1794, being Cyriacus Spangenberg, a Hessian who had come to America with the British army and had by some means contrived to receive ordination in the Reformed church. His congregation, on discovering that their pastor was a man of bad character, called a meeting for the purpose of removing him, and just before a vote was taken Elder Glessner arose and briefly stated that, in his opinion, the best interests of the church would be served by the removal of the minister. On hearing this Spangenberg, who was present, drew a dirk which he had concealed about him, and rushing upon the elder, stabbed him to the heart. This tragedy resulted in the execution of the murderer April 11, 1795, at the jail in Bedford. Every effort was made by his friends to save him, an appeal being made to President Washington, who returned the papers, saying that there was no ground for either pardon or commutation of the sentence.

Joseph Glessner, son of Jacob Glessner, was a farmer and miller of Stony Creek township, adhered to the Democratic party and was a member of the Reformed church. He married Lena Faust, and their children were: Jacob, Joseph (of whom later), Lewis, Henry, Tobias, Edward, Margaret, Magdalena, Sarah, Lena, Rebecca, and Elizabeth. Mr. Glessner at the time of his death was seventy years old, and his widow died at the age of eighty.

Joseph Glessner, son of Joseph and Lena (Faust) Glessner, was born November 10, 1800, and followed agricultural pursuits in Stony Creek township. He was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed church, being ardently interested in politics and greatly devoted to church work, serving for many years as deacon and elder. Mr. Glessner married, in 1825, Catharine Musser, born September 19, 1808, and a member of the same church as himself. Their children were: Tobias, of whom later; Jacob, born November 25, 1827; Susan, November 5, 1829; John M., November 21, 1832, deceased; Joseph, May 21, 1835; Samuel, June 14, 1837, deceased; Henry, February 19, 1839, lives at Shanksville; Catharine, September 2, 1841, widow of Edward Mummau; Mary, March 4, 1844, died in childhood; Sarah, November 6, 1846, deceased, was wife of William Hillegass; Eliza, April 11, 1850, died in childhood; and Edmund, March 31, 1852, farmer of Jefferson township. The death of Mr. Glessner occurred September 25, 1879, and his widow passed away May 7, 1894.

Tobias Glessner, son of Joseph and Catharine (Musser) Glessner, was born August 20, 1826, on the Glessner homestead, and received his education in the Glessner public school. He worked on the farm for his father until the age of seventeen, and then began to learn the tanner's trade, at which he worked for seven years. At the age of twenty-four he purchased two hundred and seventy-one acres of timber land near Shanksville, and there, in the forest, erected a log house and a sawmill, working as a lumberman for seventeen years. At the end of that time, the tract being partially cleared, he sold the remainder and moved back to the homestead, which he purchased from his father and on which he still resides. The farm originally contained two hundred and seventy-five acres, seventy-five of which Mr. Glessner sold to his son Jacob W.

In 1903 he sold the remaining two hundred acres to his son Albert, with whom he makes his home. The house, which was built in 1860 by Joseph Glessner, is a substantial two-story brick structure of twelve rooms, to all appearances in as good condition as when it was finished. The barn, which was built in 1836, is unweakened by time, although it has its second roof. The farm is amply stocked with well-bred horses and cows. There are on the farm orchards of apples and other fruits, as well as a sugar camp of twelve hundred vessels. On the property is a two-story frame dwelling, built by Mr. Glessner after he purchased the farm for his parents' use, and in this dwelling they ended their days. Mr. Glessner is a Democrat, having cast his first vote in 1848 for Lewis Cass, of Missouri, then the presidential candidate of that party. He is a member of the Reformed church at Roxbury, which he has served as trustee, deacon and elder.

Tobias Glessner married, February 20, 1848, Caroline Walker, and their children are: Catharine, born February 17, 1849, died December 5, 1856; Jacob W., born April 20, 1850, farmer near Shanksville, married Emma Teller, has ten children; Joseph T., born November 22, 1851, married Mary A. Kimmel, has eleven children, and is a farmer of Waterloo, Iowa; Polly, born September 29, 1853, died December 5, 1856; Catharine and Polly died the same day of scarlet fever and were buried in the same casket; Tobias, born January 6, 1856, died February 19, 1862; John L., born October 25, 1858, farmer near Downey, married Hattie J. Will and has two children; Mary E., wife of Luther Hillegass; Alice, born March 22, 1863, wife of John A. Lowry, merchant and postmaster at Downey; Edward B., born March 2, 1865, farmer of Brothers Valley township, married Emma Walker, has five children; Calvin, born November 19, 1866, died February 5, 1878; Minnie A., born February 27, 1870, wife of Edward D. Boyer, farmer of Stony Creek, has five children; Albert G., born October 21, 1872, married Cora, daughter of William and Ella (Knepper) Weigle, the former a farmer of Stony Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Glessner have one child, John M., eight years old. Another son, William Tobias, died at the age of three years.

Mrs. Caroline (Walker) Glessner was a daughter of Jacob J. Walker, and was born September 26, 1826. She was educated in the Glade public school. She was her husband's devoted and uncomplaining helper during their life of privation and hardship in the timber camps, and the affectionate and self-sacrificing mother of their twelve children. Her death, which occurred October 17, 1896, was deeply mourned.

JOSIAH SPECHT.

Josiah Specht, of Stoystown, is a grandson of Andrew Specht, a lifelong resident of Shade, where he was the owner and successful manager of a good farm, and also the possessor of a sawmill, in which he manufactured large quantities of lumber. He was an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist church. Andrew Specht married Rebecca Pisel, and they were the parents of seven children, of whom all are now dead. Mr. Specht, the father, was known to all his neighbors as a man of strict integrity.

David Specht, youngest child of Andrew and Rebecca (Pisel) Specht, was born February 13, 1819, in Shade, Pennsylvania, where during the greater part of his life he was engaged in farming on the old homestead. In 1868 he came to Somerset county, settling in the village of Sprucetown, Quemahoning, where he established a gristmill and general store and built up a large and profitable business. He served his fellow-townsmen in various capacities and was identified with the Republican party. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Specht married Elizabeth, born April 24, 1824, in Quemahoning township, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bender) Kimmel, and now the sole survivor of eleven children. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Specht three are now living: Hester, wife of Pearson Lohr, has had twelve children, of whom six survive, Jane, David, Annie, Florence, James and Joseph; Franklin K. served during the Civil War in Company K, Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, married Mary, daughter of Noah Miller, and has four children—Charles E., Annie, James and Jennie; and Josiah, of whom later. The death of Mr. Specht occurred February 24, 1896. He bequeathed to his family a large property.

Josiah Specht, son of David and Elizabeth (Kimmel) Specht, was born November 24, 1848, in Shade, Pennsylvania, where he received a common school education. After leaving school he learned the miller's trade under the instruction of his father, with whom he remained until 1873. In that year his father's mill was destroyed by fire, after which Mr. Specht built a gristmill and engaged in business for himself. He was very successful, and in 1877 erected a store which he stocked with general merchandise. He has since carried on an extensive business, both as miller and merchant. In December, 1893, Mr. Specht's mill and store were burned, the entire contents of both being destroyed by the flames. The property was unprotected by insurance and the loss was sixty-five thousand dollars. The next day Mr. Specht put up a shanty for temporary use, and in 1894 built a new gristmill, which is fully

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equipped with all the modern appliances for carrying on milling operations. In 1895 he completed his new store, which is one of the finest in regard to its stock to be found in this part of the state, and in which he is now conducting a flourishing business.

He is one of the directors of the Somerset County Bank. He has served as school director, and in the spring of 1906 was, without any solicitation on his part, presented by his friends as a candidate for county commissioner, and was elected by an unusually large majority. Soon after qualifying as county commissioner he was elected president of the board of commissioners, which illustrates in a measure his popularity and the high esteem in which he is held by the people and his fellow officers.

Mr. Specht is also a director in the Berlin Mutual Fire Insurance Company; vice-president of the Somerset Mutual Fire Insurance Company; secretary of the Lincoln Oil and Gas Company; also treasurer of the Emert & Cook woolen mills of Somerset, a new enterprise organized in May, 1906, capital stock of forty thousand dollars.

In politics he is a staunch Republican. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. His residence, which he has built for himself, is one of the finest in the county.

Mr. Specht married, September 28, 1870, Josephine, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Nealey) Zimmerman, and their children are: William E., born April 10, 1871, married Willia Maud Wagner, daughter of David E. Wagner, and has one child, Mary Josephine; Howard O., born December 6, 1872, died September 13, 1875; Myrtie M., born February 25, 1875, married Ross H. Rininger, and has the following children—Josie Ellen, Meredith R., Pauline, Carl R. M., and William; Harvey, born January 15, 1877, married, March 30, 1899, Idelle, born December 27, 1878, daughter of Pierce and Emma (Bender) Miller, and has one child, Lloyd Alger, born September 1, 1900; Daniel B., born March 18, 1881; David H., born April 24, 1883, married Maggie Adams, have two children; Franklin B., born August 15, 1885; and Donald C., April 30, 1891.

HENTZ FAMILY.

No Somerset county family is more numerous or more widely known than is that of which Charles Hentz, of Rockwood, is a representative. The origin and history of the race may be traced through the following generations:

Sir John Jacob Hentz was artiman of the town of Beuern, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. This office, which is the highest in the place, is permanent, and bears a close resemblance to that of mayor in this country. Sir John Jacob was also a fine musician and the musical director of the town. His wife was Elenora Krauch, and their children were Henry Adam (of whom later), Catharine, Anna Maria and Louisa.

Henry Adam Hentz, son of Sir John Jacob and Elenora (Krauch) Hentz, was the father of eleven children—Henry Adam, Fredericka, Elenora, Philip, William, John, Jacob, Henry, Louisa, Anna Maria and Baltser, of whom later.

Catharine Hentz second child of Sir John Jacob and Elenora (Krauch) Hentz, married Casper Gerhardt and had the following children: Christina, Maria, Margaret and Catharine.

Anna Maria Hentz, third child of Sir John Jacob and Elenora (Krauch) Hentz, married, in 1799, Balthaser Gerhardt, by whom she had ten children, six sons and four daughters. One of the sons and all the daughters died in infancy in Germany. The following sons grew up to man's estate: John, Leonard, Casper, Jacob and William.

Louisa Hentz, fourth and youngest child of Sir John Jacob and Elenora (Krauch) Hentz, married Henry Adam Wistner. Nothing is known of their descendants, inasmuch as any they may have had were born, married, lived and died in Germany.

Henry Adam Hentz, eldest son of Henry Adam and grandson of Sir John Jacob Hentz, married Christina Stine, and their children were: Barbara, Anna Maria, Louisa, Caroline and Elizabeth.

Fredericka Hentz, daughter of Henry Adam and granddaughter of Sir John Jacob Hentz, married Christian Shomber, by whom she had the following children: Margaret, Louisa, Henry, William, Catharine, Philip, John and Elizabeth. They and their children live in Berlin.

William Hentz, son of Henry Adam and grandson of Sir John Jacob Hentz, was a silk manufacturer and a well-to-do man. He married ——— Dill, and among his children who came to the United States were the following: John, Henry and John Philip.

Louisa Hentz, daughter of Henry Adam and granddaughter of Sir John Jacob Hentz, married ——— Hepner, lives in St. Louis, Missouri, and has two children: William and Louisa.

Anna Maria Hentz, daughter of Henry Adam and granddaughter of Sir John Jacob Hentz, married Conrad Cassell and had the following children: John, Louisa, William, Mary, Jacob, Philip and Annie. All reside in or near Burlington, Iowa.

Baltzer Hentz, son of Henry Adam and grandson of Sir John Jacob Hentz, was married three times. His first wife was Elizabeth Fogler, by whom he had three children—Louisa, Philip and William. His second wife, ——— Pfeifer, bore him no children. Both the first and second wives died in Germany, and after the death of the latter he emigrated to Pennsylvania, settling in Somerset county. He there married Mary Platt, by whom he had three children—Emma, Charles and John, of whom later. Mr. Hentz, the father, for a number of years lived at or near Wills church, then moved near Miller's mill and there passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring in September, 1894, at the age of eighty-four. He is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery, Berlin, Pennsylvania.

Christina Gerhardt, daughter of Casper and Catharine (Hentz) Gerhardt, married Casper Dom, known as Snyder Dom, from the fact that he was a tailor and to distinguish him from a distant relative who was also Casper Dom. Among the children born to him and his wife were the following: Alexander, Mary and Louisa.

Maria Gerhardt, daughter of Casper and Catharine (Hentz) Gerhardt, married John Baltzer, and had the following children: Henry, Aaron, Mary, Louisa, Ellen and George. All these, with the exception of George, live in or about Johnstown.

Margaret Gerhardt, daughter of Casper and Catharine (Hentz) Gerhardt, married Philip Dom and their children were: Henry, Ellen, Josiah, Malinda, Oliver, Leonard and William. Henry is supposed to have been slain by the Indians in 1845.

Catharine Gerhardt, daughter of Casper and Catharine (Hentz) Gerhardt, married William Kneedy, by whom she had the following children: Margaret, Mary; Joseph, deceased; Samuel, died at the age of twenty years; Henry W. and Matilda.

John Gerhardt, son of Balthaser and Anna Maria (Hentz) Gerhardt, married Elizabeth Bittner and resided near Donegal, Pennsylvania, where he died October 24, 1858, at the age of fifty-six.

Leonard Gerhardt, son of Balthaser and Anna Maria (Hentz) Gerhardt, married, in 1832, Anna Mary, daughter of William Fritz, and their son Leonard died February 18, 1842, aged sixteen months, his mother having expired January 10 of the the same year. Both are buried at Elizabethtown. Mr. Gerhardt subsequently married Barbara Wolf, who died November 3, 1867, aged sixty years. Mr. Gerhardt, who was a minister of the Lutheran church, died at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1877, aged seventy-two years. The Rev. Mr. Gerhardt and his second wife are buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Shippensburg.

Casper Gerhardt, son of Balthaser and Anna Maria (Hentz) Gerhardt, married ——— Hoffner at Mount Healthy, Hamilton county, Ohio, and died there in 1879, aged seventy-one. His children were: Mary Ann, Benjamin, Nancy and Leonard, who died in the army during the Civil war. He was twice married and his second wife still survives.

Jacob Gerhardt, son of Balthaser and Anna Maria (Hentz) Gerhardt, married Catharine, daughter of John Broucher, of Brothers Valley township, resides at Kingwood, Upper Turkeyfoot township, and is the father of eight children.

William Gerhardt, son of Balthaser and Anna Maria (Hentz) Gerhardt, was also a minister of the Lutheran church. He married Lucinda Adeline Riley, of Gettysburg, by whom he had nine children. Mr. Gerhardt, the father, died June 18, 1857, aged eighty-one years, and is buried in a private cemetery near Donegal, Pennsylvania. His wife died January 30, 1865, at the home of her son, the Rev. William Gerhardt, D. D., Jonestown, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at that place. She was nearly eighty-eight years old.

Barbara Hentz, daughter of Henry Adam and Christina (Stine) Hentz, married Frederick Bieler and had five children: William, Lena, Henry, Lizzie and John. All live in the west.

Anna Maria Hentz, daughter of Henry Adam and Christina (Stine) Hentz, is one of the leading dressmakers in Somerset and makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Augustus Traup.

Louisa Hentz, daughter of Henry Adam and Christina (Stine) Hentz, married Augustus Traup and is the mother of Nellie H. Traup, who is now the wife of W. Fay Lloyd, of Pittsburg.

Caroline Hentz, daughter of Henry Adam and Christina (Stine) Hentz, married Henry Stephens and resides at West Point, Illinois. Her sister Elizabeth married George Fogle, of Berlin, Pennsylvania, and their children are: Mary Lulu, Edwin, Caroline Cecilia, Warren, Della, Winford and Mildred.

Margaret Shomber, daughter of Christian and Fredericka (Hentz) Shomber, married ——— Hone. Her sister Louisa married in the west.

Henry Shomer, son of Christian and Fredericka (Hentz) Shomber, was married twice. His first wife was Sally Stearns and his second Mrs. Rose (Dom) Stoner. Among his children are the following: Rebecca, Catharine, Mary, Charles and Henry. His daughter Catharine married Henry Poorbaugh and their children are Keyser, Edna and Catharine, who accompanied her aunts—the two Misses Poorbaugh—to Japan, whither they went as missionaries.

Of the other children of Christian and Frederick (Hentz) Shomber, William went west; Catharine married Herman Hobrook and resided at Cumberland, Maryland; Philip married

Mrs. Bowers and moved to Iowa; John married in Ohio; Elizabeth married Henry Muhlenberg and has the following children: Catharine, William, Emma, Rose, Florence, Alice, Henry and Mollie. All these live in Berlin.

John Philip Hentz, son of William and ——— (Dill) Hentz, is a graduate of the Pennsylvania College and the Lutheran Thelological Seminary, Gettysburg, and preached six years at Somerset. He married Cecilia A. Nicodemus, of Gettysburg, and their children are: Honora, Cecilia; William Passavant, died at the age of three years; John, Paul, Oliva and Nannie Belle. They reside at Miamsburg, Ohio.

Of the children of Conrad and Anna Maria (Hentz) Cassell, John married Amelia Wilhelm; Louisa married Henry Stephens; Mary married ——— Harper, and Annie married ——— Nowe.

Louisa Hentz, daughter of Baltzer and Elizabeth (Fogler) Hentz, married August Huffman and has the following children: Catharine, married Levi Queer; Emma; John, married in the west; William, also married in the west; Charles, married ——— Musser; Henrietta; Mary, married George B., son of Benjamin G. Walker; and Edward, at home. All live in or near Berlin.

William Hentz, son of Baltzer and Elizabeth (Fogler) Hentz, married Catharine Shaffer and has the following children: Louisa, deceased; Hiram, died at the age of twenty-six years; Mary, wife of Oliver Berkebile; Sarah, married Charles Heffley and had two children, William and Charles; Edward, deceased; Lucy, second wife of Charles Heffley, lives at Glenwood, near Pittsburg; Elmer, deceased; and Charles, at home with his parents near Sipesville.

Charles Hentz, son of Baltzer and Mary (Platt) Hentz, married Ellen S. Brandt and they are the parents of one child, Linnie R., born October 14, 1885.

Of the children of John and Maria (Gerhardt) Baltzer, Henry married ——— Slick; mary married ——— Bowman; Louisa married ——— Wah, and Ellen married Morris Clark, noted as the possessor of a beard six feet long.

Ellen Dom, daughter of Philip and Margaret (Gerhardt) Dom, married Harrison Null, of Greensburg, and their children are: Etta, Minerva, Josephine, Millard, William, Jesse, Edwin, Fremont, Nellie and Harry. Of these, Etta married ——— Yaunt, by whom she had one child, Harry. After the death of her husband she married John Houseman.

Josiah Dom, son of Philip and Margaret (Gerhardt) Dom, married Josephine Cushner and they have four children: Eugene, resides near Johnstown; Delia; Ella, married (first)

——— Hilliary, (second) ——— Decker; and William. Josiah Dom resides at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Oliver Dom, son of Philip and Margaret (Gerhardt) Dom, resides at Ellerslie, Maryland. He married Hannah Lepley and their children were: Clara, Lillian, Henry, Parker, Josie, Thomas, Tina, Oliver, and Herbert, died in 1889. Clara married G. W. C. Day, of Braddock, and has three children, Eveline, Edith and Jessie.

Malinda Dom, daughter of Philip and Margaret (Gerhardt) Dom, married Walter W. Gaither and resides in Pittsburg. The following children have been born to them: Ross F., Ida B.; Harry, married ——— Jones and has two children; Jessie, wife of William Fawnes, of Pittsburg, has two children; and Walter. Ross F. Gaither is married, resides in Baltimore, Maryland, and is the father of three children, Walter, Rowena and James. The father, Walter W. Gaither, died in 1880.

Leonard Dom, son of Philip and Margaret (Gerhardt) Dom, married Kate, daughter of Jeremiah Wright, of Wellersburg. They reside at Philipsburg and have had five children: Maurice, died during the Civil war; Chester, died in 1875; Ada, Mary and Grace.

William Dom, son of Philip and Margaret (Gerhardt) Dom, married Jennie McCullough, of Greensburg, and resides at Dawson. They have three sons, John, William and Welty.

Of the children of Casper and Christina (Gerhardt) Dom, Alexander died in a southern prison and Louisa married Samuel Weaver. Among their children are: Walter, Herbert; Frank, deceased; and Lulu, wife of ——— Moore. All live in Johnstown.

Margaret, daughter of William and Catharine (Gerhardt) Kneedy, married Rudolph Ferner and had five children: Alvin H., married Emma, daughter of Urias Trent, and has one child, Marion; Mina, married the Rev. E. W. Rishel and has two children, Margaret C. and Elliott P.; Edwin C., married Eugenia, daughter of the Rev. Hiram King, and had two children, Reginald King Ferner, died February 10, 1891, aged eighty-eight days, and Ruth Junia. The father of these children died March 4, 1894, and was buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Somerset. The remaining children of Mr. and Mrs. Ferner are James E. and Ellen, who are at home with their mother in Somerset. Rudolph Ferner died September 28, 1895, aged seventy-three years, and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Somerset. He served during the Civil war in Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was a member of R. P. Cummins Post, No. 210, G. A. R.

Of the other children of William and Catharine (Gerhardt) Kneedy, Mary married Alten Pfeifer; Henry W. married Clara

Miller and has six children, Milton, Clarence, Minnie, Rena, Ernest and an infant; and Matilda married J. D. Cope, of Ruffsdale, and has five children, Ida, Minnie, Walter, Effie and Harry.

Minerva Null, daughter of Harrison and Ellen (Dom) Null, married ——— Hough, of Connellsville, and has two children. Her sister Josephine married Dempsey Boyd, of Uniontown, and has four children.

Of the other children of Harrison and Ellen (Dom) Null, Millard married ——— Bird; Jessie married Samuel Allwine, of Greensburg; Edwina married Dr. Fuller, of Uniontown.

Lillian Dom, daughter of Oliver and Hannah (Lepley) Dom, married John D. Meese, A. M., of California, Washington county, Pennsylvania, professor of grammar, rhetoric and literature in the Southwestern Pennsylvania State Normal School, and they have two children, Hugh and Helen.

Henry Dom, son of Oliver and Hannah (Lepley) Dom, resides at Johnstown and has been twice married. His first wife was a Miss Lowry, his second a Miss Henry. He is the father of five children: Jessie, wife of N. H. Klingaman, has one child, Edgar; Grace, Winnie, George and Thomas.

Thomas Dom, son of Oliver and Hannah (Lepley) Dom, married ——— Sykes, has two children and resides in Pittsburg. His brother Oliver married ——— Bowden, resides in Dawson and has one daughter.

WALTER G. CARTER.

Walter G. Carter, a resident of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born September 20, 1875, in Halifax county, Virginia, the son of Edwin W. and Harriet (Terrell) Carter and grandson of William Carter, a farmer of Scotch descent. His father was a farmer and merchant of Halifax county, Virginia, an occupation which he followed until 1895, when he retired from active pursuits. He married Harriet Terrell, who was of English descent, a daughter of Richard P. Terrell, a native of Halifax county and a harness dealer for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Carter had children as follows: William; Walter G., of whom later; Lottie L., Edward M., Hattie, Anna Y. and Ruby M.

Walter G. Carter obtained his education in the common schools of his native county and at the age of eleven years left school and turned his attention to the trade of telegrapher, being engaged at this occupation for a number of years. For the past four years he has been freight and passenger agent for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Somerset, Pennsylvania, also United States Express agent.

DANIEL W. RHOADS.

Daniel W. Rhoads, a plumber of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born January 9, 1873, a son of Daniel and Rosa (Snyder) Rhoads, and of Scotch descent. Daniel Rhoads (father) was born March 25, 1809, in Somerset county, and followed agricultural pursuits. He was a Republican in political proclivities. He married three times: First, to Elizabeth Barnhart, in 1834, and they had three children; second, in 1853, to Caroline Duffstop, and they had ten children; she died in 1872; third, to Rosa Snyder, who was born in 1845, and their children were Daniel W., Theodore E., Catherine V. and Royal G.

Daniel W. Rhoads received a common school education, and at an early age left school and engaged in tinning business. He afterward learned the trade of plumber, and has since been engaged in these occupations. His residence is in Somerset, where he erected a splendid house and shop. In politics he is a loyal Republican and is deeply interested in the welfare of the community.

Daniel W. Rhoads married, December 6, 1900, Cora Sufall, born December 29, 1875, in Somerset county, daughter of Charles H. and Louisa (Hoover) Sufall, and granddaughter of John Sufall, who was born in Somerset county in 1812 and was a farmer by occupation. The Sufalls are of French extraction. Charles H. Sufall (father of Mrs. Rhoads) was born in 1849 and died May 14, 1901. He was a wagonmaker by trade and a Republican in politics. His wife, Louisa Hoover, was born in 1849. Their children: Thomas R., Anna M., Cora E., Ralph. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Rhoads are the parents of one child, Rosabelle, born October 8, 1901.

DANIEL DAHL.

Daniel Dahl, of Meyersdale, was born June 9, 1858, in Germany, where he received his education. In 1871 he was brought by his parents to the United States. They settled in Somerset county, where for a time Daniel worked on the home farm. He then entered the mines and was identified with the coal industry until May, 1904, when he opened a bakery, which he has since successfully conducted. He is a Democrat and a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Dahl married, October, 1882, Katie, daughter of Martin Rohman, of Cumberland, Maryland, and their children are: William, born September, 1883; John, February 16, 1885; Ida, October 11, 1886, married, June 17, 1905, Frederick Raymon, of Meyersdale; Charles, September 24, 1888; Casper, September 27, 1890; Alfred, August 2, 1892; and Clarence, July 9, 1894.

JESSE THOMAS JEFFERY.

Jesse Thomas Jeffery, of Salisbury, is the son of Richard Jeffery, who was born May 18, 1831, in Cornwall, England, and in 1851 emigrated to the United States, settling in Michigan. Later he moved to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and has lived at different times in Fayette and Westmoreland counties, but is now a resident of Salisbury. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Jeffery married, at Johnstown, Ann, daughter of Jesse Berkebile, of Shade township, and they were the parents of one child, Jesse Thomas, see forward.

Jesse Thomas Jeffery, son of Richard and Ann (Berkebile) Jeffery, was born July 15, 1867, at Barton, Allegheny county, Maryland, and attended the public schools of Dunbar, Union and Mount Pleasant, all of Pennsylvania. At the age of sixteen he left school and worked in the mines until 1893, when he met with an accident which rendered him unable to continue his labors. The same year he opened a grocery and confectionery, which he conducted until 1906, when he sold his business and returned to mining. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and adheres to the Republican party. He attends the Reformed church.

Mr. Jeffery married, February 5, 1888, Mary A., daughter of James Cochran, of West Salisbury, and they are the parents of three children: Leona, born August 1, 1889; Richard, May 25, 1892; and James Glenn, February, 1894.

DAVID LICHTY.

David Lichty, of Salisbury, is a son of John C. Lichty, who was born in 1798 in Somerset county, and all his life devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, ending his days amid the scenes of his boyhood. He married, in 1819, Elizabeth, daughter of Christian Fike, of Elk Lick township, and their children were: Solomon, born December 30, 1821; Michael, November 10, 1823; Nancy, May 28, 1826; Samuel J., August 8, 1827; Sallie and Susan (twins), December 18, 1828; Jonas, September 9, 1830; David, April 26, 1832, see forward; Mary, August 16, 1833; and Elizabeth, October 17, 1835.

David Lichty, son of John C. and Elizabeth (Fike) Lichty, was born April 26, 1832, in Elk Lick township, and received his education at the public schools. At the age of twenty-one, his school days being over, he engaged in farming and for ten years thereafter was exclusively a tiller of the soil. In 1878 he retired and moved to Salisbury, where he has since lived a strictly retired life. For one term he served as school director in Salisbury. His political affiliations are with the Republicans. He is a member of the Brethren church.

Mr. Lichty married, January 29, 1860, Elizabeth, born April 13, 1838, daughter of Nicholas Keim, of Addison township, and their children are: Ross, born November 6, 1861, married Ida, daughter of Elias Bauermaster, of Germany; Bruce, born August 4, 1865, a practicing physician of Meyersdale, married Fannie, daughter of William R. Getty, senator from Garrett county, Maryland; Stewart, born February 16, 1867, married Susan A. Fischer, of Wellington, Kansas; Ann, born December 19, 1868, wife of Franklin Beachy, hardware merchant of Carleton, Nebraska; Mary, born January 15, 1870, wife of Dr. H. S. Hickock, of Wichita, Kansas; Missouri, born January 2, 1873, wife of Franklin Petrie, carpenter of Salisbury; and Harvey, born April 7, 1874, married Caroline Snyder, of Kansas. Now in his seventy-fifth year, Mr. Lichty is in remarkably good health. He is moderate and abstemious in all his habits and it is worthy of remark that he has never used tobacco in any form.

MICHAEL FRANKLIN SMITH.

Michael Franklin Smith, of Salisbury, is a great-grandson of Jacob Smith, his American ancestor, who was born in Germany and emigrated to this country about the period of the Revolution, serving in the patriot army during the latter part of that war. His son, Henry Smith, was born in 1770, in Dauphin, Pennsylvania, and was a cooper. He married and was the father of five sons and five daughters. He died in 1845, aged sixty-three.

John Smith, son of Henry Smith, was born in 1815, in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and in early life followed the cooper's trade. At the age of eighteen he came to Somerset county and followed his trade in Brothers Valley. He was subsequently engaged in mercantile business in Salisbury until 1873, when he succumbed to the panic of that year. He was a member of the Allbright Methodist church, a Democrat and Republican. Mr. Smith married, in 1840, Katherine, daughter of Michael Dively, of Salisbury, and the following were their children: Harriet, wife of Samuel Mier, of Somerset, ex-member of the state legislature; Sarah A., wife of Levi Lichliter, of Salisbury; Missouri, died in 1859; Michael Franklin, see forward; Rhoda, wife of the Rev. Marshall Bowlin, of Illinois; and Harvey M., died January, 1906. John Smith, the father, died in 1888; his wife Katherine in 1887.

Michael Franklin Smith, son of John and Katherine (Dively) Smith, was born June 2, 1849, in Salisbury, where he attended the public schools until the age of fifteen, when he spent two terms at Millersville State Normal school, and taught one term. He was associated in business with his father until 1873, when the financial troubles of the time rendered retirement necessary, and he then went into the commission business, handling among other things, farm products. In 1878 he went to Uniontown as manager for the Johnson grocery store, a position which he retained until 1882, when he returned to Salisbury and was in mercantile business for himself until 1888. Since that time he has been in the insurance business, to which in 1900 he added real estate. He is a Republican and a member of the German Baptist Brethren church. He was census enumerator in 1870 and several terms a member of the borough council.

Mr. Smith married, March 16, 1871, Adaline, daughter of David Livengood, of Elk Lick township. This union was of brief duration, being terminated by the death of Mrs. Smith, October 27, 1871. Mr. Smith married (second), October 24, 1873, Nancy, daughter of Joseph Johnson, of Uniontown, Fayette county, and they have been the parents of the following children: Nora, born July 25, 1874, died February 6, 1878; Anna, born December 3, 1875, teacher in the Allegheny county schools; Mayme, born March 16, 1877, died October 15, 1880; Sadie, born October 24, 1882, teacher in Meyersdale schools. The mother of these children died June 9, 1889, and Mr. Smith married (third), October 24, 1890, Jane, daughter of John N. Thompson, of Somerset county. By this marriage there are no children.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BENDER.

Frederick William Bender, of Springs, is a son of John Bender, who was born in Germany and at the age of twenty emigrated to the United States. He settled in Garrett county, Maryland, where he became a farmer and was also engaged in business as a brewer and distiller and in manufacturing a patent medicine clled "Bender's Tonic," which he is still manufacturing and selling. Mr. Bender married Elizabeth Otto, whose parents were natives of Germany, and their children were: Barbara, Jacob J., Daniel H., George L., Frederick William (see forward), John H., Charles A., Samuel and Christian E.

Frederick William Bender, son of John and Elizabeth (Otto) Bender, was born May 1, 1869, at Grantsville, Maryland, and received his education in the public schools of New Germany, Maryland. At the age of fifteen he left school and worked at farming and lumbering. In 1890, in company with his brother, Jacob J. Bender, he went into the business of drilling wells, and continued in this line of industry until 1895. In that year, in partnership with E. M. Miller, he opened a general store at Springs, under the firm name of F. W. Bender & Company. In the following autumn he purchased his partner's interest and in 1896 sold out the store to his brother, Charles A., returning to the drilling business. At the end of six months, however, he bought back the store and at the same time disposed of his interest in the drilling machinery. He is a stockholder in the Somerset Telephone Company. Mr. Bender's business has grown from a small country grocery to what might be termed a department store. He now purchases some lines in carload lots. Miss Cora E. Miller, an efficient young lady, is his bookkeeper and manager of the dry goods department. In his political principles he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Mennonite church.

Mr. Bender married, July 16, 1893, Melinda, daughter of Daniel J. Miller, of Springs, and their children are: Ray, born December 11, 1894; Rhoda, June 4, 1897; Walter Anderson, March 17, 1899; Lucretia, April 13, 1901; Albert Fred, January 24, 1906.

FRANK P. GLESSNER.

The ancestors of Frank P. Glessner, of Berlin, were among the earliest settlers of Brothers Valley township. The founder of the family was Jacob Glessner, who was born in Germany, and about 1735 emigrated to the American colonies. He settled on a farm near Berlin, and was known throughout the community as a pious and upright man, serving as an elder of the Berlin congregation of the Reformed church. The pastor of this church, in 1794, was Cyriacus Spangenberg, a Hessian, who had come to America with the British army and had in some way obtained ordination as a minister of the Reformed church. His true character becoming known, the Berlin congregation called a meeting to decide upon measures for removing him. Just before a vote was taken Elder Glessner arose and in a few words expressed the opinion that the best interests of the church called for a change of minister. At this Spangenberg, who was present, drew a dirk from his clothing, rushed upon the elder, and stabbed him to the heart. Upon trial for this murder he was convicted, and on April 11, 1795, was executed at the jail in Bedford. His friends made every effort to save him, appealing to President Washington, who returned the papers, saying that there was no ground for either commutation or pardon.

Joseph Glessner, son of Jacob Glessner, was a farmer and miller of Stony Creek township. He was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed church. His wife was Lena Faust, and their children were: Henry, Jacob, Edward, Sarah, Lena, Rebecca, and Joseph, of whom later. The father of the family died at the age of seventy and his widow passed away at eighty years old.

Joseph Glessner, son of Joseph and Lena (Faust) Glessner, was born November 10, 1800, and was numbered among the farmers of his generation in Stony Creek township. Like his father, he was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Glessner married Catharine Musser, born September 19, 1808, and their children were: Tobias, born August 20, 1826; Jacob J., of whom later; Susan, born November 5, 1829, wife of Josiah Kimmel; John M., November 21, 1832; Joseph, May 21, 1835; Samuel, June 14, 1837, died April 30, 1838; Henry, February 19, 1839; Catharine, September 2, 1841, wife of Edward Mummau; Mary, March 4, 1844, died in childhood; Sarah, November 6, 1846, wife of William H. Hellegass; Eliza, April 11, 1850; and Edmund, March 31, 1852. The death of Mr. Glessner occurred September 25, 1879, and his widow died May 8, 1894.

Jacob J. Glessner, son of Joseph and Catharine (Musser) Glessner, was born November 25, 1827, in Stony Creek township and settled in Brothers Valley township, on the farm now owned by his son Jacob. He devoted himself all his life to agricultural pursuits, and maintained the traditions of his family by adhering to the Democratic party and by serving as a deacon and elder in the Reformed church. Mr. Glessner married Dinah Walker, born April 7, 1830, and a member of the same church as himself. The marriage took place January 30, 1851, and the following are their children: Sarah, widow of Samuel Miller, who was a farmer of Brothers Valley township, lives in Carleton, Nebraska, and has the following children: Jacob, Kate, Howard, Annie, Mahlon, Eva, Sadie and Samuel; Henry J., farmer of Brothers Valley township, married Annie Schrock; Emma, wife of Edward K. Suder; Frank P., of whom later; Urias, married Sarah Musser, had two children, Robert and Musser; second wife, Elnora Speicher, three children, Cornella, Weller and Allen; Jefferson, farmer of Stony Creek township, married Sadie Weigle and has the following children: Victor, Ralph, James, Rei, Jefferson, Maria, Sherman and Harner; Ellen, wife of Irvin Miller, farmer of Stony Creek township, has four children—Oscar, Jacob, Peter and Alda; Jacob J., farmer of Brothers Valley township, married Lydia Berkley, has had three children, Sykes and two deceased.

Frank P. Glessner, son of Jacob J. and Dinah (Walker) Glessner, was born March 25, 1858, in Stony Creek township, where he received his education in the common schools. He early began working on the farm and remained there until his marriage. He then purchased a portion of the homestead, which he cultivated for three years, and in 1884 bought his present farm of one hundred and forty acres in Brothers Valley township, about two miles from Berlin. He has made many improvements in the property, and the farm is well stocked with a good grade of farm cattle of all kinds. The estate includes orchards of different fruits and a sugar camp of four hundred vessels. The house is well situated, being encircled with a lawn and surrounded by shade trees. Mr. Glessner is interested in the First National Bank of Berlin and the East End Improvement Company. He is a member of the Berlin congregation of the Reformed church, which is perhaps the oldest church of that denomination in the state. In this church he serves as deacon and also belongs to the Sunday school.

Mr. Glessner married, January 11, 1880, Sarah Miller, the marriage taking place on the farm which is now their home. They are the parents of the following children: Edith, born December 4, 1880, married June 6, 1906, Dr. Ezra Saylor, of Myersdale, Pennsylvania, a son of H. W. Saylor; Maurice D., born January 29, 1883, died November 26, 1885; Kate O., born January 11, 1886, at home; Miller A., born January 10, 1891; Jacob J., born September 2, 1892; Ross, born January 14, 1895; and Frank L., born June 19, 1898. All these children have been educated in the public schools, and two of them, Edith and Kate O., are members of the Progressive church. Mrs. Glessner is a daughter of Ananias and Mary Miller, whose children are: Samuel, married Sarah Glessner; Susan, wife of U. F. Raymon; Sarah, born June 30, 1856, educated in township schools, member of United Brethren church, and wife of Frank P. Glessner; Peter, married Susan Musser; John, married Emma Strayer; Hevain; and Harvey, married Zua Hite. Mr. Miller died in April, 1863, and his widow resides in Carleton, Nebraska.

MICHAEL FRANCIS RILEY.

Michael Francis Riley, station agent at West Salisbury, is a son of James Riley, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to the United States at the age of seventeen and settled in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. He married, in 1856, Esther, daughter of William Kennedy, of Freeport, Pennsylvania. Esther came to this country with her three sisters when quite young. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Riley were as follows: Catherine Gertrude, born 1857, wife of James Linnan, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania; Michael Francis, see forward; John, born, 1861, married Minna Shibely, of Connellsville; James K., born 1863, married Sarah Ross, of Craigsville; Anna, born 1865, wife of Frank Ketterer, of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania;

William, born 1867, married Mary Verlohr, of Rosston, Pennsylvania; and Julia, born 1869, wife of Miller Clark, of Craigsville, Pennsylvania.

Michael Francis Riley, son of James and Esther (Kennedy) Riley, was born December 15, 1859, at Kittanning, Armstrong county, where he attended the public schools until the age of sixteen. During the next two years he was employed by the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, and from that time until the age of twenty was a student at St. Vincent's College, near Latrobe, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1879. He then worked as a fireman on the Allegheny Valley railroad until September, 1882, and then moved to West Salisbury, where he has since been station agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Salisbury, and owns the Mountain Tonic Company, of West Salisbury, in which place he also conducts a shoe store. He was at one time judge of elections for the township, being the first Democrat to hold that office in thirty years. He is a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic church at West Salisbury.

Mr. Riley married, September 19, 1887, Missouri Elizabeth (born January 13, 1869), daughter of Dennis and Mary Wagner, of Salisbury. Mrs. Riley descends from one of the old Somerset county families, the Wagners. Dennis Wagner was a son of Peter Wagner, who was all his life a hotel keeper in the county. Dennis Wagner's wife was Mary Loechel, of another old county family. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Riley are: James, born April 10, 1889; Edward, December 14, 1890; George, February 7, 1893; Robert, January 14, 1895; Maurice, October 25, 1897; William, March 15, 1900; Mary Esther, May 15, 1902; Margaret Elizabeth, September 26, 1904.

CHARLES ADEN WILT.

Charles Aden Wilt, of Salisbury, is a grandson of Theophilus Wilt, who was born in Loudon county, Virginia, and was a farmer. As a young man he moved to Allegheny county, Maryland. His wife was Delila Duckworth, of Maryland, whose ancestors came to this country from Germany and settled at what is now Elizabeth, New Jersey, being owners of the site of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Wilt were the parents of the following children: John W. (see forward), Eliza, Goulda, Ellen, Jane, Thornton, William, George, Salem, Martha and Peter.

John W. Wilt, son of Theophilus and Delila (Duckworth) Wilt, was born April 16, 1834, in Allegheny (now Garrett) county, Maryland, and, like his father, was an agriculturist. The family are members of the Methodist church. He was a

Democrat. He married Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of John Kooken, of Allegheny county, and their children were: John Albert, married Zelphia Blocker; Daniel Morris Lincoln, married Louisa Blocker; Emily Catherine, wife of Lewis Pope; Charles A., see forward; Rebecca Ellen, wife of Frederick Broadwater; Mary Martha, died August 4, 1903, was wife of William Green; Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Guy Cain; Isaac Columbus, married Belle Cassiday; and James Harvey, married Cora Titus. Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth (Kooken) Wilt died November 15, 1902. John W. Wilt resides in Westernport, Maryland.

Charles Aden Wilt, son of John W. and Sarah Elizabeth (Kooken) Wilt, was born August 7, 1866, in Garrett county, Maryland, where he attended the public and normal schools of the county. From 1885 to 1891 Mr. Wilt taught in the schools of his native county, and afterward worked in various places at lumbering and farming until 1893. He then went into into the real estate business, remaining in Garrett county, and in December, 1896, moved to Salisbury, where he continued in the same business and also conducted a variety store until December, 1904, when he sold the store to C. T. Hay. Mr. Wilt now gives his attention to real estate, and also manages a farm of sixty acres in Elk Lick township. He is interested in several outside enterprises. He is now serving as president of the town council. He affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, votes with the Democrats and is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Wilt married, November 26, 1896, Rachel, daughter of Dennis Wagner, of Salisbury, and they are the parents of two sons and a daughter—Charles Dennis, Mary Elizabeth and Rea Ernest.

NORMAN B. KEIM.

The family of which Norman B. Keim, of Elk Lick, is a representative, was planted in Somerset county by Nicholas Keim, who came hither from eastern Pennsylvania soon after the Revolutionary war, and settled near Davidsville, in Conemaugh township. In 1810 he moved to Elk Lick township and there passed the remainder of his life. He was thrice married and was the father of twenty-four children. His death occurred in 1838.

John Keim, eldest child of Nicholas Keim, was born January 6, 1792, near Berlin, Somerset county, and was a child when his parents moved to what is now Johnstown. He gathered walnuts in what is now a populous part of the city, but which then boasted but one house, that being owned and occupied by a Mr. Johns, and also used for a school. The only mill in that part of the country was six miles away. The dwelling of the Keims was a small building scarcely more than a hut, and some idea of its state may be formed from the fact that a man named Christian Yoder, who was one night the guest of the family, and who, on account of the limited space, was obliged to sleep in the garret, had his slumbers seriously disturbed by the playful antics of a number of rats and the continual noise of a rattlesnake.

Mr. Johns, mentioned above, laid out part of the city of Johnstown, and after selling his building lots, bought a farm seven miles away. While living there he was robbed of four hundred dollars, which was quite a fortune for that time and place. A short time after this he died, and the Keim family moved to Elk Lick township, taking up their abode on what is now known as the J. J. Keim farm, the place being then owned by John Hendricks, who lived in a log house which is still standing. Peter Livengood lived on the adjoining farm, which is now the property of Jeremiah B. Keim, a grandson of John Keim. The site of Peter Livengood's house is now occupied by the residence of Michael Hay, and is included within the limits of Salisbury. A century ago it was the only house in the immediate vicinity, and the place was called Shirestown. Berkley lived at Berkley's Mills, and Beechley close to what is now Meyersdale, but was then Meyers' Mills. These two, John Berkley and John Beechley, were preachers of the denomination known as the Brethren, Dunkard or German Baptist, and services were held in Peter Livengood's house. There was no mill nearer than twenty-five miles, and schools, when held at all, met in private houses. John Keim's first teacher is remembered as "Jack Griffith."

John Keim married, April 11, 1813, Barbara, born in 1789, daughter of C. L. Livengood, and lived in the old Hendricks place until 1815, when he moved to Fayette county, remaining there until 1824. In that year, at the request of his father, he returned home and purchased ninety acres of the homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Keim had children: Henry; John J., see forward; Elizabeth, deceased; Susan, deceased; Catharine, wife of Lewis Bockes; Mary, deceased; Diana, wife of Solomon Engle; Nancy, wife of Henry Miller; Barbara, wife of Jefferson Speicher; and Sarah, wife of Philip Hoffman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Keim lived to be over ninety.

John J. Keim, son of John and Barbara (Livengood) Keim, was born July 2, 1826, in Elk Lick township, and was a farmer. He married Diana, daughter of Jonathan Berkley, by whom he was the father of the following children: Jeremiah B., Ezra, Norman B. (see forward), Nancy and Caroline. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Keim married Sarah Beachly, the issue of the marriage being Lucinda, Martha, Harvey and Mary.

Norman B. Keim, son of John J. and Diana (Berkley) Keim, was born November 11, 1856, in Elk Lick township, where he attended the public schools until the age of sixteen. He was the assistant of his father in the management and labors of the homestead until 1880. In 1885 he purchased of his father a portion of the home farm consisting of ninety-six acres. On this land he has since made his home, devoting himself to its cultivation and to the raising of stock. He is a Republican and a member of the Progressive Brethren church.

Mr. Keim married, November 20, 1885, Sadie, daughter of Jacob J. Meyers, of Berlin, Pennsylvania, and their children are: Meyers Victor, born January 16, 1887; Florence May, September 8, 1888; John Earle, September 29, 1890; and Robert N., May 28, 1903.

JOSEPH M. WEISEL.

Joseph M. Weisel, a well-known citizen of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and who has been in business there for many years, traces his descent back to Germany. His great-grandparents emigrated from Germany to this country and were among the early settlers, making their home in the wilds of Pennsylvania when there were neither roads nor railroads in the state.

George A. Weisel, father of Joseph M. Weisel, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and followed the occupation of farming. He married Lydia A. Korns, and they have three children—Joseph M., of whom later; Charles A., born July 7, 1883, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he was educated in the common schools, attending there until he was seventeen years of age. He then tried various occupations for a time, as follows: Motorman on the street cars in Pittsburg for one year; on the police force in the same city for one year; then to Rockwood and became associated with his brother in the meat business. He married, September, 1904, Annie Wilkens. The third child was S. W.

Joseph M. Weisel, eldest son and child of George A. and Lydia (Korns) Weisel, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1881. He enjoyed the advantages of a good education in the common schools of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, which he attended until he was seventeen years old, and then worked on the farm of his father for the next three years. He then entered the employ of D. W. Bitner, near Connellsville, where he remained for eighteen months in order to get a practical knowledge of the meat business. After that he was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for about

two years, and then returned to Rockwood and bought out the meat business of George Holtzhur, and is still engaged in the same business. He married, November 20, 1904, Elizabeth C. Wolfersberger, daughter of David H. and Catherine (Klempfelder) Wolfersberger.

JOHN H. LEIGHTY.

John H. Leighty, proprietor and manager of the Hotel Merchant, in Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Mooreland, Garrett county, Maryland, April 26, 1860. He received his education in the common schools of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and attended these until the age of twenty years. He then learned the trade of brick and stone mason, which was also the occupation of his father, and followed that until 1895. He then turned his attention to the butcher business, commencing in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and for the next three years was thus occupied. He then rented a hotel at Ruffsdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, conducted that for one year, and then removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he opened a saloon, but gave this up after about eight months. started a hotel and kept it for two years. He then removed to Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, rented the Hotel Merchant, which he is still managing with success. He is genial and courteous to all and is very popular, having made many friends since he first took up his residence in the town.

He has been twice married. His second wife was Mary Smith, born in Scotland, June 23, 1860.

CHARLES H. WOLFENBERGER.

Charles H. Wolfenberger, a coal operator of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born August 12, 1872, a son of David H. Wolfenberger.

Charles H. Wolfenberger received his education in the common schools of his native place. He left school when he was eighteen years of age and entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at the Rockwood station as night clerk, ticket agent, and also attended to the express. After three years so engaged he was promoted to baggage master and occupied that position for eight years. In the fall of 1901 he embarked in the coal business, in which he has since been engaged and in which he has met with the greatest success. Politically Mr. Wolfenberger is a sound and loyal Republican, and is now serving as burgess of the town. He is also a notary public, and holds membership in the B. of R. T. and Royal Arcanum. He is now building a beautiful modern home at Rockwood.

He married, November 29, 1892, Annie Gertrude Parks, daughter of George and Annie Parks, of Rockwood. They have two children, Charles O. and Lilian Ethel Fern. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and he has been deacon for several years. He and his wife are teachers in the Sunday school and Mr. Wolfenberger is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

ROBERT O. CRIST, M. D.

Dr. Robert O. Crist, of Boswell, was born September 16, 1878, at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, and is the son of the Rev. G. W. Crist, who was born April 17, 1848, in Perry county, Pennsylvania. He received his literary education and the training for his profession as a minister of the Lutheran church at Gettysburg College and Theological Seminary. From 1888 to 1895 he had charge of the Jennerstown congregation, including Mount Zion, St. James and Stanton's Mills. Rev. Crist married Anna B. Orr, born February 10, 1851, in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, granddaughter of Hugh Alexander, a representative of an old Virginia family, who came to Pennsylvania about 1790 and settled in Clearfield county.

Dr. Robert O. Crist, son of G. W. and Anna B. (Orr) Crist, laid the foundation of his education in the common schools and spring normal schools of Somerset county, afterward attending the Millersville State Normal School. He received his medical education in the University of Maryland. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted in the army as a member of the hospital corps department and served ten months, being mustered out February 28, 1899. In 1903 he returned to Somerset county and settled at Boswell, where he has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession.

Dr. Crist married, May 14, 1903, at Ridgely, Maryland, Bessie McDougall Sinclair, who received her education in the high schools and the Peabody Institute of Baltimore, subsequently studying at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. Mrs. Crist's parents are residents of Winnipeg, Canada.

GEORGE F. KIMMEL.

George F. Kimmel, a representative citizen of Somerset, was born in Jefferson township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1837, a son of Samuel R. and Mary (Flich) Kimmel and grandson of John and Mary (Barker) Kimmel. John Kimmel (grandfather) was born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, and after his marriage to Mary Barker, a native of Milford, Somerset county, removed to Somerset, where his death occurred in 1858. Their children were: Samuel K., deceased; George, deceased; Frederick, deceased; Lucinda, deceased; Sarah, deceased; John, deceased; Singleton, deceased;

Ludwick, David, Elizabeth Hay and Rosa. Samuel K. Kimmel (father) was born in 1808 and died in 1854; he married Mary Flich, born in 1808, and their children were as follows: George F., John H., David F., Irvin W., William S., Elizabeth, and Sophia, deceased.

George F. Kimmel obtained his education in the common schools of Somerset county, attending the same until he attained the age of sixteen years. For a number of years thereafter he followed the occupation of teaming, his route being between Somerset, Pennsylvania, and Cumberland, Maryland, after which he turned his attention to the hotel business, continuing the same for five years. He then purchased a farm, consisting of two hundred acres, at Milford, near Gebhart's, whereon he successfully conducted general farming for thirty years, and in the fall of 1897 he removed to Somerset, where he still resides. In 1890, during his residence in Milford, he was elected to the office of county commissioner, and re-elected to the same in 1897, this fact attesting to the high esteem in which he was held by his follow townsmen. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, the principles of which he believes to be for the best form of government.

On April 12, 1861, Mr. Kimmel married Barbara Sechler, born in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1837, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Dull) Sechler. Jonathan Sechler was born in 1800, was a farmer all his life and died in Milford township, Somerset county, in 1870. He was a son of Daniel Sechler, a native of Milford township, Somerset county, and a prosperous farmer thereof. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel, namely: Carrie, Elizabeth, Emma, Edward, Martha; John, deceased, and Ross, deceased.

COHEN BROTHERS.

This notice treats of the firm of Cohen Brothers, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, where they are the proprietors of the leading department store in men's, women's and children's wearing apparel.

The eldest brother, Morris Cohen, a native of Warsaw, Russia, came to the United States with his parents when three years of age, in 1873. In 1894 he came to Somerset county, engaging in business at Scalp Level, conducting a general store. Soon thereafter he became the pioneer merchant at Windber, putting in the first stock of goods in that place. He was there long before the railroad was completed or the coal interests developed. His goods were freighted by teams from Johnston, then the nearest railway station. In a short time he had branch stores located at Berlin, Meyersdale and Salisbury. After a successful business career of about five years at these points he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law at Uniontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where a large store was operated. The business of the now well known firm of "Cohens" was established at Somerset first by the enterprise and business genius of the younger brother, Fred Cohen, who came to the borough in 1900 and rented, for a single month, a one-story frame store building on the site of their present magnificent department store on South Main Cross street. The store was twenty-five by sixty-three feet, in which was placed a very small stock of men's furnishings and clothing. At first he did not meet with the hearty co-operation of the public, who were unjustly prejudicial, but by his manly conduct and superior methods of doing a legitimate business, with plenty of judicious advertising, he soon forged his way to the front ranks and built up an excellent trade.

In 1901 the older brother, who had already invested in this business, came on and became an active partner with him, and in 1904 Charles C. Shafer erected the fine, modern-constructed business house they now occupy. It is three stories high and is finished and furnished throughout with all that present-day art and mechanical ingenuity can produce. In size the building is forty-three by sixty-three feet and has fourteen-foot ceilings surfaced with beautifully designed metallic sheetings. The rooms are brilliantly lighted by sixteen incandescent lights and a special feature of the lower salesroom is the spacious show windows. The arrangement of these window displays was a new departure in the borough of Somerset and are still superior to any others and speak eloquently of the genius of decorating displayed by I. Cohen, a younger brother, who has charge of this department.

This, the most commanding business house of the place, was leased to Cohen Brothers for a term of ten years, with optional rights thereafter. The several departments occupy the first and second floors, while the third is sub-leased to the Young Men's Christian Association. One can scarcely name an article of men's ladies' or children's wearing apparel not to be found in this stock, which is superbly kept and sold to a large patronage by from six to ten salesmen. Their trade extends over a radius of about twenty-five miles. They have won the implicit confidence of all classes by keeping faith with the people and always carrying out to the letter their motto of "refunding the purchase price for any article that for any cause may not prove satisfactory to the customer." By a system of sensible, practical and ever attractive advertising the name "Cohen" has been indelibly stamped on the entire trading community and has come to be a true magnet to purchasers.

Morris Cohen was born in Warsaw, Russia, February 8, 1870, son of Aaron Cohen and wife. He was married at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1898, to Ida Levinson, daughter of Israel and Anna Levinson. By their union three sons were born: Aaron, December 17, 1898; Abram, August 1, 1900; Fred, July 17, 1902. Morris Cohen is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias at Salisbury, Pennsylvania, the Royal Arcanum at Windber and the Modern Woodmen of America at Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Fred Cohen was born at Newark, New Jersey, February 14, 1879. He attended the common schools of Wilmington, Delaware, until he was about eleven years old, but bv perseverance and keen observation has come to be a well-informed man. His business career commenced when less than thirteen years of age, when he served faithfully as an errand boy in Philadelphia. He next entered the great soap house of that city which manufactures the celebrated "Fels Naptha" brand of soap. He was soon promoted to clerk for one of the proprietors and finally became a salesman and advertiser in the introduction of this commodity, traveling from the coast of Maine to Illinois and through the southern states. He commenced at three dollars a week and left the road at $1,500 per year and all expenses. Fred Cohen is an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Somerset, is past grand of Lodge No. 438 and an active member of the degree team. He is also connected with the Royal Arcanum Lodge, No. 985, and is present regent of the council. Being a keen business man, he naturally found a membership in the Modern Woodmen of the World for the protection it gives in the way of life insurance beneficiaries.

He married, September 17, 1899, at Newark, New Jersey, Lydis Corniss, who was graduated as a trained nurse in a training school. Her parents were Gerson and Frances Corniss. To them have been born Elmer, June 28, 1900, and Dora, June 5, 1905. The last named was the first girl born in the Cohen family for three generations.

DAVID H. WOLFERSBERGER.

David H. Wolfersberger, a well known business man of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, formerly a farmer and now a popular hotel proprietor, is a representative in the present generation of a family that settled in the United States many years ago. The family originally came from Germany and brought with them habits of thrift and industry from the "Fatherland" that characterize their descendants to the present day.

Philip Wolfersberger, father of David H. Wolfersberger, was born October 18, 1802, died March 20, 1887. He was a successful farmer and merchant, having conducted a general store for a number of years. He married Elizabeth Stauffer, born April 8, 1809, died July 19, 1859, and they had children as follows: David H., of whom later; Mary, born September 21, 1836; Elizabeth A., May 8, 1838; Amelia Barbara, September 10, 1839; twin daughters, July 27, 1841; Philip S., December 4, 1842; John M., January 7, 1847; Hannah L., October 15, 1848.

David H. Wolfersberger, eldest child of Philip and Elizabeth (Stauffer) Wolfersberger, was born in Union Deposit, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, February 3, 1835. He received his education in the common schools of Dauphin county and attended them until the age of sixteen years, acquiring a very good education. At that time he commenced working in his father's general store as clerk, retaining this position for four years, at the end of which time his father sold out. April 6, 1856, he removed with his father to what was then called Mineral Point (now Rockwood), and finally went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to take a course of study in a commercial college. From this he graduated in 1857, went to Monroe Forge, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and engaged in clerking for a period of eight months, returning to Rockwood and again working in a store for his father for the next four years. He then went back to Monroe Forge, remaining there for six years, returned to Rockwood in 1871 and engaged in the grocery business, which he followed for eleven years. In 1882 he opened a hotel, which became an exceedingly well patronized place, and is conducted on strictly temperance principles up to the present day. He is progressive and methodical in his business management and enjoys great popularity.

He married, February 19, 1860, Catherine Klinefelter, born September 7, 1834, died April 11, 1900, and they have children as follows: Seward H. Klinefelter, born July 25, 1861, died March 28, 1862; William H., September 16, 1864; John Albert, June 23, 1867, died July 18, 1867; Edward F., August 25, 1868, died February 16, 1892, was run over by an engine at Somerset and died an hour after the accident; James O., October 4, 1869; Charles H., August 12, 1872; Catherine Elizabeth, April 7, 1874.

WILLIAM B. CONWAY.

William B. Conway, of Rockwood, was born March 21, 1871, in Somerset county, and is a son of Samuel Conway, who was born February 28, 1836, near Markleysburg, Pennsylvania, and follows the calling of a farmer. Samuel Conway married Lydia Close and their children were: Laura; Aniose, deceased; Morgan; William B., of whom later; Anna, deceased; Minnie; Isaac; Dollie, deceased; Frank, and two who died in infancy.

William B. Conway, son of Samuel and Lydia (Close) Conway, received his education in the schools of his native county, finishing at the normal school. After completing his education he taught school for one term and then became a telegraph operator for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. He is now the company's agent at Rockwood.

Mr. Conway married, November 15, 1896, Manuroil Rhoads, and they are the parents of one child, Agnes L., born February 23, 1900. Mrs. Conway is a daughter of Daniel Rhoads, who was born March 8, 1835, in Somerset county, where he passed his life as a farmer. He married Sarah Dumbauld, born February 9, 1840, and their children were: Albert, born July 28, 1861, died February 19, 1865; Mary E., born November 1, 1863, wife of a Mr. Coleman; George M., born July 22, 1866, died February 6, 1867; Anna E., born July 26, 1868, wife of a Mr. Walters; Corelie B., born March 4, 1871, wife of a Mr. Hanna; Elto S., born February 23, 1873; H. Manuroil, born July 25, 1876, in Kingwood, Somerset county, wife of William B. Conway; Katie F., born January 10, 1880, wife of a Mr. Jennings. The death of Mr. Rhoads occurred October 8, 1899. He is survived by his widow, who is a native of Kingwood.

CHARLES I. METZLER.

Charles I. Metzler, an engineer in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and a resident of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born July 7, 1875, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, a son of Samuel K. and Mary (Beisecker) Metzler. Jacob Metzler (great-grandfather) was born in Germany, and was a miller by occupation. He came to this country when a small boy. Isaac Metzler (grandfather) was born in Somerset county, and followed the occupation of a miller during his entire active working life. Samuel K. Metzler (father) was born in Jenner township, and following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, took up the occupation of a miller. His wife was Mary Beisecker, and they were the parents of four children, namely: Anna Rose, Ida, John and Charles I.

Charles I. Metzler obtained his education in the common schools of Somerset county, and at the age of sixteen left school and engaged in farming for his father. After a short time spent at this occupation, he went into the sawmilling business, and in 1898 engaged as fireman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. He was so engaged until 1905, when he was promoted to engineer. He is an industrious, energetic young man and a well qualified engineer, and renders valuable services to his employers.

Mr. Metzler married, in 1895, Ettie Brougher, born April

26, 1880, in Upper Turkeyfoot township. Four children were born to them: Oscar Glen, deceased; Fay, deceased; Ruth L., born September 9, 1901; Charles Rayburn, deceased.

GEORGE F. GORMAN.

George F. Gorman, of Rockwood, was born May 4, 1869, in Black township, and is a son of Frederick Gorman, a native of Germany, who emigrated to the United States and settled in Somerset county.

George F. Gorman attended the common schools of Somerset county until the age of eighteen, and was then for three years engaged in farming with his uncle. At twenty-one he was employed as a teamster by Penrose Wolf, and at the end of one year became a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. After serving in this capacity two years and a half he was made fireman and worked as such for six years. In 1898 he was promoted to the position of engineer, which he still retains. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and he and his family are members of the Lutheran church of Rockwood.

Mr. Gorman married, June 30, 1897, Mary Burk, and their children are: Raymond, born May 10, 1898; Nettie, February 1, 1900; Clarence, November 1, 1901; and Kenneth, May 8, 1904. Mrs. Gorman was born October 22, 1875, and is the only child of John and Mary (Fletcher) Burk, of Allegheny county, where Mr. Burk was employed in the gristmill.

JOHN G. PYLE.

John G. Pyle, a representative citizen of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in New Centerville, November 29, 1865, a son of Peter and Sadie (Brandell) Pyle, and is of German descent. Peter Pyle was born in 1829 in Milford township, and was a mason by trade. His wife, Sadie Brandell, was born in Westmoreland county, a daughter of John Brandell. They were the parents of four children, viz.: Mary Fletcher; William, deceased; Maggie, married Dr. Gardner; and John G.

John G. Pyle obtained his education in the public schools of Somerset county, and at the age of sixteen left school, and for the succeeding five years was engaged in farming. He then embarked in the lumber business, which he followed for three years. Later he found employment as a fireman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and his faithful and efficient work won for him a promotion, December 29, 1900, to engineer, and he has since been running on the Connellsville division.

Mr. Pyle married, October 19, 1893, Sadie (Hay) Holtzhouer, widow of John Holtzhouer, born May 14, 1866, daughter

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of Andrew and Mary (Miller) Hay, and one of three children, as follows: Abraham, Annie and Sadie. One child, Alfreda, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pyle, January 3, 1905.

WALTER J. GARDNER.

Walter J. Gardner, of Rockwood, was born January 27, 1848, in England, and is a son of Harry H. Gardner, a native of that country, who came to the United States and settled in Bellwood, Blair county. All his life he followed his trade, which was that of a miller. His political affiliations were with the Republicans. He died in 1899, in Cambria county.

Walter J. Gardner, son of Harry H. Gardner, was brought to this country by his parents as a boy, and received his education in the common schools of Blair county. At the age of sixteen he left school and learned the trade of milling, which he followed for eighteen years. He then became proprietor of a hotel in Johnstown, which he conducted for a number of years, finally selling out. In May, 1904, he entered into partnership with D. B. Zimmerman and bought the mill at Rockwood, which they remodeled completely, building a new mill. Like his father, he is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Gardner married Amanda (Detwiller) Rightenour, daughter of Henry and Sarah Rightenour, and two daughters were born to them, Hattie Meyers and Bertha. Mrs. Gardner died in 1877. In 1879 Mr. Gardner married Eva, daughter of Charles Dannaker. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gardner: Margaret, Harry, Julia, William and Catharine.

PATRICK JOSEPH McGRATH.

Patrick J. McGrath, the genial proprietor of the National Hotel at Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a native of Ireland, born February 16, 1864, son of John and Mary (Walsh) McGrath. John McGrath (father) was born in 1807, and was a well-to-do Irish farmer, owning one hundred and eighty acres of valuable land, well stocked with blooded horses, cows and sheep. He married Mary Walsh, who was born in 1821, and of this marriage ten children were born, six sons and four daughters. John owns and tills the old farm in Ireland. Andrew Joseph was educated for the priesthood, and served a parish in Maitland, Australia, for ten years. He then came to America, where he was in charge of a parish for sixteen years at Fairmont, West Virginia. He contracted a throat trouble at the latter place, went to Europe for treatment, and there died. Rev. Dennis A., the eldest member of the family, was also of the clergy of the Roman Catholic church, and for forty-two years has been located at Bathhurst, New South Wales. Thomas, deceased, was a physician in Tyrone county, Ireland. Philip is a practicing physician in Scotland. The daughters are all married and live in Ireland. John McGrath (father) lived to the remarkable age of ninety-three years, passing away in 1900. The death of Mrs. McGrath occurred in 1898, when she was sixty-seven years old.

Patrick J. McGrath received his initial education in the best schools in his native land, and at the age of sixteen came to this country, landing in New York, where he attended the city schools for two years. He then went to Fairmont, West Virginia, to visit his brother, Rev. Andrew Joseph McGrath, and in 1886 returned to the old home in Ireland, remaining there a year and a half. Returning to Fairmont, he entered the service of P. H. Bennett, a railroad contractor, as timekeeper, continuing his connection with this firm for two years. Then for five years he worked in the same capacity for the firm of Bennett & Talbott. He again returned to Europe, spending a year in travel through Ireland, Scotland and England. He returned to America, and after three years took another trip across the sea. He returned by way of Canada and the Great Lakes to Connellsville in 1892, married and remained there two years. His next removal was to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he engaged in the hotel business for eighteen months. Selling his interest there, he moved to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, bought and for five years conducted a hotel there. In 1901 he purchased the National Hotel at Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. This was an old property, which he rebuilt, installing electric lighting, steam heat, etc., and converted it into one of the most handsome and modern hotels in the county. There is also a large barn and stable on the premises of Mr McGrath's building. Mr. McGrath has other property interests in Berlin and owns a fine farm in the township, purchased in 1906 from Simon F. Hay.

Mr. McGrath is an ideal "mine host," extending a pleasant, cordial greeting to all who seek his hospitality. Under his management the new National Hotel is enjoying the prosperity it deserves. Situated on a prominent corner in the highest part of the town, its porches are swept by the cool mountain breezes, and it is a most desirable abiding place during the heated summer months. In political relations Mr. McGrath is a sound Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. In the spring of 1906 he was elected a member of the borough council of Berlin. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic.

He married, August 11, 1892, Bridget Quinn, a daughter of James and Margaret Quinn, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania. She came to this country from Ireland with her parents when less than a year old. Her father, James Quinn, was superintendent of mines at Connellsville, whither he and his family removed from Pittsburg, the first place of their settling in America. Mr. and Mrs. McGrath have two children: Mary, aged thirteen, and John, aged eleven, both attending school in Berlin.

WILLARD HOMER MILLER.

Willard Homer Miller, an enterprising and progressive young business man of Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born March 28, 1881, in Coon Island, Washington county, Pennsylvania, son of Charles W. and Nancy E. (Holmes) Miller. Charles W. Miller is a son of Christopher Miller, a Washington county farmer. He was reared on the home farm and learned the trade of millwright. He subsequently became a traveling salesman, which business he now follows. Charles W. Miller is a Republican in politics, and in church connections a Baptist. He married Nancy E. Holmes, who was a daughter of George Y. Holmes, a native of Scotland, who came to this country at the age of ten years. He became a farmer and a minister in the Baptist church. Mrs. Miller was educated in Washington county, and lived on the home farm until her marriage, in 1860. The following named children were born of this marriage: Willard Homer, of whom later; Alice A., Lulu E. (both residing at home with their parents), and Edgar H., a druggist of Salisbury.

Willard H. Miller received his initial education in the township schools and at the age of ten years entered the high school of Claysville, Pennsylvania. Early in life he resolved to follow the drug business, and with this end in view (at the age of fourteen) entered the service of G. Y. Holmes, a druggist of Claysville, continuing there for two and a half years. For five years he was engaged in the drug store of W. C. Martin, of Munhall, Pennsylvania. Mr. Miller studied for his profession in the School of Pharmacy of the Western University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated from that institution in 1903. In March, 1905, he formed a partnership with his brother, Edgar H. Miller (who is in the drug business at Elk Lick), and established a drug store at Berlin, conducting the business under the firm name of Miller & Miller, but, under the management of Willard H. Although a young man, Mr. Miller is thoroughly familiar with all the details of his profession, and brings to his own business the experience gained in other establishments. He is a firm believer in modern advertising methods, which he extensively employs. His store is already well known in town and township, and the generous patronage he receives is the best proof of its popularity.

In political affiliations Mr. Miller is a strong Republican. Fraternally he holds membership in Berlin lodge, I. O. O. F., Homestead Lodge, Eagles, and Knights of Pythias, Berlin Lodge. He is an admirer of athletic sports, and is specially fond of base-ball, which naturally brings him in close touch with the younger element, while his sterling business principles and genial social qualities commend him to all. He is unmarried.

MAHLON S. RIEMAN.

The family of which Mahlon S. Rieman, of Berlin, is a representative, was founded in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, by Gottlieb Rieman, who was born in Germany in 1747. Upon his arrival in this country he settled on what is now known as the Snyder farm in Stony Creek, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade of tailor, and where his death occurred in the year 1804. He was the father of three sons and two daughters, among whom was George Rieman, born 1768, died in 1834. George Rieman was the father of a son, Jacob Rieman, born in 1813, married Susan Fike, and was a prominent farmer of Stony Creek township.

Rev. Samuel F. Rieman, son of Jacob and Susan (Fike) Rieman, and father of Mahlon S. Rieman, was born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1841. He was educated in the township schools and thereafter followed the occupation of farming, being especially interested in the raising of cattle and improvement of their breeding, and owning a large amount of fine stock. In early life he was a Republican in politics, but later became a third party Prohibitionist. He was a member of the German Baptist church, in which body he held the offices of deacon, elder and preacher. He was also the incumbent of many of the township offices, in which he rendered capable and efficient service. He married Rebecca Schrock, born 1842, only daughter of George and Susan (Horner) Schrock, and a sister of the Rev. William G. Schrock. George Schrock was a son of Christian Schrock, of Germany, who founded the family in America. Susan (Horner) Schrock was a daughter of David and Elizabeth Horner, of Summit, Pennsylvania, born in 1818, died 1865. The children of Rev Samuel F. and Rebecca (Schrock) Rieman were as follows: Mahlon S., of whom later; Clara G., wife of the Rev. J. J. Shaffer; George S., married Emma Walker; Elizabeth S., resides at home; Alvin H., died in infancy. The father of these children died February 17, 1897. His widow is living at the present time (1906) and makes her home with her son, George S. Rieman.

The educational advantages enjoyed by Mahlon S. Rieman during his boyhood were obtained in the township schools and the Berlin Normal school. He worked on the homestead farm until he was seventeen years old, and the following four years devoted his attention to the vocation of teaching. In 1891, the year of his marriage, he returned to the home farm and afterwards purchased the farm on which he now resides. The farm contains two hundred and twenty-five acres of highly cultivated land, well stocked, with an orchard of about four acres. Mr. Rieman is an intelligent and progressive farmer, and under his efficient management the farm is rapidly becoming one of the best in that section, he having many improvements thereon which are both modern and substantial. Mr. Rieman is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Berlin. He has held the township offices of auditor and treasurer, discharging his duties in a highly satisfactory manner. Upon attaining his majority he cast his vote for the candidates of the Republican party, but later changed his allegiance to the Prohibition party. He holds membership in the German Baptist church, of which he is a deacon and teacher in the Sabbath school.

Mr. Rieman married, February 26, 1891, Dillie V. Walker, daughter of the Rev. Daniel H. and Mary Walker, the former named being a farmer and a minister of the German Baptist church. Dillie V. Rieman, who is one of a family of seven children, was educated in the township schools, resided on the farm with her parents until her marriage, and is a member of the German Baptist church. Two children were the issue of this union: Ralph W., born September 26, 1894, who is attending school; and Ruth, born December 1, 1900. Modest and unassuming, Mr. Rieman is a man of force and character, much esteemed by all who know him. His wife has proved a helpmate in the truest sense of the word, and their home, a modern, substantial dwelling, surrounded by a well kept lawn and attractive flowers and foliage, is ample evidence of their thrift and good management.

ELIAS COBER.

Elias Cober, a representative citizen and progressive farmer of Pinehill, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Brothers Valley township, July 14, 1845, a son of Peter P. and Elizabeth (Meyers) Cober, and grandson of Peter and Elizabeth (Landis) Cober, the former a farmer of Brothers Valley and a minister of the Brethren church. He is of German ancestry.

Peter P. Cober (father) was born in Brothers Valley township, November 24, 1808. He was educated in the township schools and followed the occupation of a farmer during his entire active working life. He was a Whig in politics, but after the formation of the Republican party joined that organization. In religious faith he was a member of the Brethren church. He married Elizabeth Meyers, born in Brothers Valley, May 11, 1817, and educated in the schools of that township. Nine children were the issue of this marriage, six of whom died during an epidemic of diphtheria. The living are: Lydia, married Henry G. Hay, a farmer of Brothers Valley township and a veteran of the Civil war; Elias, of whom later; and Anna, married William P. Hay, a farmer of Jefferson township. Peter P. Cober died November 3, 1878, and his wife died October 11, 1889.

Elias Cober obtained his intellectual training in the common schools of the township and assisted his father with the farmwork during the summer months. In 1875 he bought the farm that has been owned successively by his grandfather, his father and himself. It comprises one hundred and forty-nine acres of highly cultivated land, well stocked with horses and cattle of good breeding. It contains, also, a sugar camp of three hundred vessels. Mr. Cober is an excellent farmer and a useful, industrious citizen. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party and cast his first vote for Ulysses S. Grant. He has held several township offices, and in each of these has discharged his duties acceptably. He is interested in the Philson National Bank of Berlin and also the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company, in which he has served as director. He is a member and deacon of the Brethren church.

He married, January 21, 1872, Mary M. Laub, born March 30, 1843, in Somerset county, a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Laub. Jonathan Laub was born in 1819, was a resident of Somerset county and also resided for some years in West Virginia. He entered the Union army during the Civil war and contracted typhoid fever, from which he died. His wife, Elizabeth Laub, was born in 1819 and died in 1884. Their daughter Elizabeth (Mrs. Cober) received her education in the schools of the county and is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Cober are the parents of the following children:

1. Emanuel W., born February 7, 1873, educated in the public and normal schools of the county, Bucknell Academy and Bucknell University, from which he graduated in 1899. He taught in the public and private schools of Somerset county and is now an instructor in the Friends' Central School at Fifteenth and Race streets, Philadelphia. He served in the Spanish-American war and was a corporal in Company A, Twelfth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. His wife was Miss Lettie Cook, of Meyersdale, and they have one son, Robert. 2. William H., born March 9, 1875, acquired his education in the public and normal schools of the county and graduated

from the Southwestern State Normal, at California, Pennsylvania. He is principal in charge of all the schools of Somerset. He married Miss Hattie Nutt, of Fayette county, and they have two children, James and an infant. 3. Peter G., born September 26, 1880, attended the public and normal schools and was graduated in 1901 from the Southwestern State Normal. He engaged for some time in teaching in the county schools, and is now in his junior year at Bucknell University. 4. Emma N., born January 18, 1884, passed through the public and normal county schools and is now a student in the Southwestern State Normal. 5. Albert M., born March 12, 1886, graduated from the common and normal schools, and is now teaching in the public schools. These children are all members of the Brethren church, and the boys affiliate with the Republican party.

Mr. Cober is a most progressive and broad-minded man. Deprived himself of the educational advantages he craved, he has given his children superior advantages. He leads a simple, upright Christian life, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

ABRAHAM M. SEVITS.

Abraham M. Sevits, a veteran of the Civil war, and a venerable and esteemed citizen of Beachdale, where he is leading the life of a retired farmer, was born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1838, is a descendant of the old revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather on the paternal side having served in that struggle, thereby losing his life, being killed in battle. Benjamin Sevits, grandfather of Abraham M. Sevits, was a stonemason by trade, and at an early date removed from Berks county to Somerset county, where the remainder of his life was spent. His wife, Catherine (Nye) Sevits, bore him ten children. Benjamin Sevits died at the age of sixty-five, and his wife at the age of eighty-five.

William Sevits, father of Abraham M. Sevits, was born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1810. He was educated in the common schools, after which he served an apprenticeship at the trade of stonemason, which he followed until middle age, when he purchased a farm in Brothers Valley, which is now the property of his son, John L. Sevits, and here he lived and farmed for the remainder of his life. He was a member of the German Baptist church, in which he was a deacon and elder, and he also preached in the churches of the township. He was a Republican in politics. He married Barbara Miller, born in 1814, a daughter of Christian Miller, and fourteen children were the issue of this union, seven of whom are living at the present time: Abraham M., of whom later; John L., a resident of Brothers Valley township, occupying the old homestead; William, a resident of Ohio; Jacob, also a resident of Ohio; Mrs. Susan Brant, a resident of Berlin, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Israel Brant, a resident of Brothers Valley; Mrs. Edward Pugh, residing near Liste, Pennsylvania. William Sevits, father of these children, died in June, 1889, aged seventy-nine years, and his wife, who was an active member of the German Baptist church, died September, 1889, aged seventy-five years.

Abraham M. Sevits was educated in the common and normal schools of Somerset county. In early life he learned the trade of stonemason, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, at which he worked during the summer months, and throughout the remainder of the year taught school, one term in Stony Creek township and eight terms in Brothers Valley. At the age of forty-three he abandoned his trade and turned his attention to farming, conducting his operations on a farm located five miles west of Berlin on the Clay pike. In 1902 he sold the farm to Harvey Pritts and moved to Beachdale, where he built a pretty home, surrounded by an acre of ground, where he has since led a retired life.

In 1864 Mr. Sevits enlisted in Company E, Ninety-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and fought with his regiment through the bloody battles in the Shenandoah Valley and in front of Petersburg during the last year of the war. He was neither sick, wounded nor captured during his term of service, although in one battle he had five bullets pass through his clothing and knapsack without leaving a scratch upon his body. He was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1865. He has held the offices of school director, supervisor, auditor and a member of the election boards, rendering valuable and efficient service in each and all. He was formerly a Republican in politics, but of late years has cast his vote for the candidates of the Prohibition party. He is a member of the Brethren church, near Beachdale, in which he serves as deacon, and is also assistant superintendent of the Sabbath school connected therewith. He is a member of Cummins Post, No. 210, Grand Army of the Republic, at Somerset, Pennsylvania.

On January 31, 1861, Mr. Sevits married Catherine Bittner, born August 11, 1837, one of six children born to John J., a farmer of Brothers Valley, and Susanna (Boger) Bittner, members of the German Baptist church. One of the brothers of Catherine (Bittner) Sevits, Silas Bittner, was a Union soldier and died in Libby prison. Six children were the issue of this marriage, as follows: Lizzie, born August 10, 1862, became the wife of Harvey Schrock; she died October 3, 1884, leaving two children; Hilton, who resides in Somerset; and Lizzie, who was taken by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sevits, with whom she still resides. Susan M., born April 6, 1867, became the wife of H. H. Brant, and they are the parents of five children. John R., born August 20, 1869, a farmer, married Annie Pritts, and they are the parents of three children. Jennie, born April 1, 1874, became the wife of Harvey G. Hay, and they are the parents of three children. William G., born December 31, 1875, married Daisy Brant, who bore him two children. Henry C., born May 4, 1882, married Essie Brant; issue, one child. These children all received a good common school education, and are filling well their several stations in life. Mr. and Mrs. Sevits are now enjoying the fruits of a well-spent life.

ROBERT McLUCKIE.

Robert McLuckie, one of the most prosperous farmers, miners and general business men of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a native of Scotland, and the first of his family to have settled in Somerset county. He brought with him the habits of thrift, industry and frugality for which the Scotch are noted, and this has contributed in no small measure to his success.

William McLuckie, father of Robert McLuckie, was born in Scotland, June 27, 1826. He was a miner in his native country, and came to the United States in 1852, settling near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a miner. After a time he removed to Maryland, where he also worked as a miner, but for the last thirty-five years of his life he conducted a general store in Frostburg, Maryland, with a reasonable amount of success. He managed this business until his death, which occurred June 6, 1905. He was a very intelligent and well educated man, was a member of the Lutheran church, and affiliated with the Republican party. He married Mary McLuckie, born in Scotland in 1821, daughter of Anthony McLuckie, who was the grandson of Anthony McLuckie, a finely educated man. He was a superintendent of mines and iron works, and the author of a number of books and pamphlets on religious subjects. Mrs. McLuckie, the wife of William McLuckie, was a well educated woman, member of the Methodist church. She died August 18, 1899. The children of Mr. and Mrs. William McLuckie are: Robert, of whom later; Matthew, unmarried; William, married Jennie Gunnett; Alexander, married Mary Williamson; Elizabeth, married Thomas Rowe; Andrew, married Allie Larue; James, unmarried; Margaret, unmarried; Mary Belle, died August 1, 1899; Anthony, unmarried; Abraham, married Matilda Everline. The first two named children were born in Scotland, the others in Frostburg, Maryland.

Robert McLuckie, eldest child of William and Mary (McLuckie) McLuckie, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, May 3, 1850. He was three years old when his parents came to the United States. He was educated in the public schools of Frostburg, Maryland, and at an early age began work in the mines as a breaker boy. Later Robert became a miner, which occupation he followed until the age of twenty-eight years. In 1878 he removed to Brothers Valley, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a farm, which he cultivated and on which he has since that time resided. The farm consists of three hundred acres, on which a large barn was built in 1889, and a commodious residence in 1894. It is well stocked with good blooded farm animals of all kinds. The entire farm is underlaid with coal. Mr. McLuckie is working one vein of this rich deposit, with which he supplies the local trade, furnishing about ten thousand bushels of bed "B" coal each winter. There is also an excellent and thriving orchard of apple and other fruit trees. Mr. McLuckie is the owner of two other farms, which are also in a most flourishing condition. He affiliates with the Republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for Ulysses S. Grant. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

He married, December 12, 1874, Emma Angwin, born in Michigan, September 30, 1855, daughter of Benjamin and Emily Angwin, of Frostburg, Maryland. Mr. Angwin is a miner, a Republican, and a member of the Methodist church. He and his wife are still living (1906), and have had a family of ten children. Mrs. McLuckie is a member of the Lutheran church. The children of Robert McLuckie and his wife are: William A., born in Frostburg, Maryland, September 10, 1875, married Lula Schrock, is a carpenter by trade, and lives in Berlin, Pennsylvania. Margaret, born in Frostburg, Maryland, November 10, 1876, died October 30, 1881. Benjamin, born in Frostburg, Maryland, April 10, 1878, married Ruth Miller, and is his father's assistant on the farm, where he resides; two children, Paul N., aged three, and Merle, aged one year. Estella, born January 5, 1880, educated in the public schools and is a graduate of Southwestern Normal College, of California, Pennsylvania. She teaches in public schools at Windber, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Mary B., born October 14, 1881, married Frederick Dively, a carpenter, and lives in Berlin, Pennsylvania; two children: Geneva, three years, and Olin, aged one year. Cora B., born January 29, 1883, married Edward Miller, a cigarmaker, who lives in Berlin, Pennsylvania. Martha N., born September 29, 1884, lives at home with her parents. Robert L., born February 18, 1886, educated in the public and normal schools and in the Tri-State Business College at Cumberland, Maryland. He passed the civil service examination, took a six months' course of bookkeeping and stenography at the naval school, Brooklyn navy yard, and is now stenographer to Commander Sharpe, United States cruiser "Chattanooga." Elizabeth, born November 11, 1888, died September 26, 1889. Annie P., born July 17, 1890, is receiving her education in the public and normal schools. Emily, born July 13, 1892, attends school. James E., born April 27, 1894, died December 2, 1895. All the children, except the three older ones, were born in Brothers Valley township, and all are members of the Lutheran church. The sons who have reached the voting age are members of the Republican party.

CHARLES J. HEMMINGER, M. D.

Dr. Charles J. Hemminger, of Rockwood, was born 1873, in Somerset township, son of Cyrus Hemminger, who was born in 1848, in Somerset county, a descendant of German ancestors. Cyrus Hemminger received a common school education and made agriculture his life-work. He served his township as school director for three terms, was a Republican in politics, and held the faith of the Lutheran church. His wife was Missouri Barron, also of German descent, born in 1849, in Somerset county.

Charles J. Hemminger, son of Cyrus and Missouri (Barron) Hemminger, was educated in the common and normal schools, also Mt. Pleasant Academy. His professional training was received at the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He is superintendent and half owner of the Rockwood Electric Company. For one term (three years) he served as school director of Rockwood borough, during the erection of Rockwood school house, with signal ability, and is now (1906) councilman of borough. He is physician of the N. W. A., examiner for eleven old line insurance companies, prelate of the Knights of Pythias, and trustee of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican and in religious belief a Lutheran.

Dr. Hemminger married, December 31, 1898, Annie C. Berkey, a graduate of the high school. Mrs. Hemminger is the daughter of a farmer, both her parents being of German descent.

CHARLES W. KNEPPER.

Charles W. Knepper, of Berlin, is a great-grandson of John Knepper, who was of German descent, and was born in this country in 1765. He was a shoemaker by trade, and when a young man came to Somerset county and settled in Brothers Valley township. John Knepper married Anna Maria Glessner, and their children were: William, Jacob, John (of whom later), Lewis, Peter, Jonathan, George, Simon, Henry, Benjamin, Elizabeth (Mrs. Hauger), Catharine (Mrs. Hay), and Polly (Mrs. Haas). The eldest son, William, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died at the age of eighty-eight. The death of the father of the family occurred in 1817.

John Knepper, son of John and Anna Maria (Glessner) Knepper, was born in 1795, in Somerset county. He is entitled to the honor of having been the first Abolitionist in Brothers Valley township, and the only voter who cast his ballot for the free-soil candidate. John Knepper married Susan Stahl, who bore him the following children: John, Lewis J. (of whom later), David, Solomon, Sally (Mrs. Coleman), Elizabeth (Mrs. Graham), Rebecca, deceased (Mrs. Cover), and Polly (Mrs. Smith). Of these children, Solomon, born in 1820, was a minister of the German Baptist church, and died in 1854. His son, John H. Knepper, railroad agent at Berlin, entered upon the ministry of the German Baptist church in 1880. John Knepper, the father, died in 1857.

Lewis J. Knepper, son of John and Susan (Stahl) Knepper, whose biography appears on another page of this work, was twice married. His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan Walker, and their children were: Charles W., of whom later; Edward M., farmer of Brothers Valley township; Henry, died at the age of eleven years; and Emma, died at the age of two years and a half. After the death of her husband, in 1888, Mrs. Knepper retained the management of the home farm, which had been willed to her, and cultivated it successfully until 1905, when she sold it to her sons, Charles W. and Edward M. She was a woman of great business ability, and under her management the estate was rendered safely and substantially profitable. Mrs. Knepper still resides on the farm.

Charles W. Knepper, son of Lewis J. and Elizabeth (Walker) Knepper, was born August 9, 1870, on the homestead, and received his education in the public schools. After his father's death he remained at home as his mother's assistant until his marriage, when he bought the George Schrock farm and worked it for five years. At the end of that time he sold the property to H. Mostoller and moved to his present farm, which he purchased in 1902. This farm consists of two hundred and eighteen acres, well stocked with good horses and cows and having an abundance of fruit of various kinds. Coal underlies the farm, Mr. Knepper retaining his ownership of the four-foot vein. In connection with the farm there is a large dairy. Mr. Knepper has recently purchased of his mother a half interest in the home farm. In taking the census of 1900 Mr. Knepper was made one of the enumerators. He is a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church, also belonging to the Sunday school.

Mr. Knepper married, April 15, 1897, Eleanora Critchfield, and they are the parents of two children: Blanche C., aged seven; and Elizabeth M., aged five. Mrs. Knepper is a daughter of Jacob C. Critchfield, a farmer of Milford township, where he also owned and operated a gristmill. He filled various township offices, among them those of county commissioner, poorhouse commissioner and school director. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Critchfield married Mary Dull, and their children were: Oliver, farmer of Black township, married Rohama Knepper; John M., farmer of Milford township, married Annie Hay; Louisa, wife of Jacob B. Critchfield, a lumberman of Rockwood; Minerva, wife of Edward Hoover, ex-sheriff of Somerset county, lives at Somerset; William W., farmer of Milford township, married Sadie Brahm; Emma, widow of Watson Schrock, lives in Crete, Nebraska; Edward S., connected with Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, married Kate Ferman; Annie M., wife of Edward Spangler, policeman of Rockwood; Eleanora, born March 22, 1871, educated in public and normal schools of the county, taught one year in the Berlin schools and five years in the township schools previous to her marriage to Mr. Knepper. She is a member of the German Baptist church. Mrs. Critchfield, who was a member of the Lutheran church, died August 1, 1889, aged sixty-one, and the death of Mr. Critchfield occurred June 1, 1894, when he was sixty-five years old.

S. SYLVESTER HAY.

S. Sylvester Hay, of Berlin, is a great-grandson of Simon Hay, who was born April 18, 1742, in Germany, and in 1763 emigrated to the American colonies. His wife was Anna May and they were the parents of a large family. Simon Hay died February 3, 1804, and his widow passed away in April, 1863.

Peter S. Hay, son of Simon and Anna (May) Hay, was born April 18, 1790, and married Elizabeth Walker, born September 30, 1794. Their children were: David, Michael, Philip (of whom later), Mary, Susanna, Elizabeth, Catharine, Peter, Valentine, and Caroline.

Philip Hay, son of Peter S. and Elizabeth (Walker) Hay, was born April 3, 1820, and married, February 5, 1846, Anna Olinger, born August 29, 1824. The following were their children: William P., S. Sylvester (of whom later), Hiram P., Peter S., Melissa, Clara A., P. Ephraim, Sarah, Luke, Ellen (deceased), and Mark (deceased). Mrs. Hay died October 27, 1868, and the death of Mr. Hay occurred August 15, 1902.

S. Sylvester Hay, son of Philip and Anna (Olinger) Hay, was born January 8, 1855, on the farm which he now owns, and was educated in the public schools. He began farming early in life, working for his father until his marriage. After that event he worked the home farm two years on shares, and in 1884 purchased it from his father. The estate consists of three hundred and fifteen acres and the improvements are extensive, including a brick house, barns and other buildings. There is a sugar camp of between eight hundred and nine hundred vessels, good orchards, and the farm is underlaid with coal, which is not being worked. The place is well stocked with good farm cattle, and in addition to being a stock raiser Mr. Hay is a stock buyer and feeder for the market, doing a large business. He is interested financially in the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale, the Economy Telephone Company, and in Ohio oil wells. Politically he is a Democrat, having cast his first presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden. He is a member of the Mount Zion congregation of the Reformed church, which he has served as deacon and trustee. He is also interested in the Sunday school, of which he is treasurer.

Mr. Hay married, February 23, 1882, Alice, daughter of Joel Berkley, and they are the parents of one child, Edison M., born April 2, 1884, and educated in the public schools of the township, the Berlin Normal school and the Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. He has chosen farming as his occupation. Mrs. Hay was born June 3, 1859, was educated in the public schools and is a member of the Reformed church.

EDWARD D. GLESSNER.

Edward D. Glessner, of Berlin, is a son of Tobias Glessner, whose sketch will be found on another page. There also will be found an extended account of the Glessner family in America.

Edward D. Glessner was born March 2, 1865, on the homestead in Stony Creek township, and obtained his education in the common and normal schools of the county. He worked on the farm for his father until the age of twenty-one, when he married, and for five years thereafter worked the farm on shares with his father. He then rented a farm from his father-in-law, which he cultivated for three years, and at the end of that time bought a farm of one hundred and ninety acres in Stony Creek township from his father, on which he made his home for the next nine years. This property he still owns and cultivates. The farm on which he now lives is the old homestead farm of Cyrus H. Walker, in Brothers Valley township, which Mr. Glessner has recently purchased. It is a valuable property of two hundred acres, with fine improvements and well stocked with a good grade of farm animals. There are flourishing orchards of apple and other fruit trees and a sugar camp of four hundred vessels, there being also a camp of two hundred and fifty vessels on the Stony Creek farm. In addition to the regular grain and hay farming, Mr. Glessner carries on an extensive dairy business, keeping several head of cattle for that purpose. The house and yard are beautifully shaded and make a delightful country home. In the sphere of politics Mr. Glessner supports the men and measures indorsed by the Democratic party. He is a member of the Reformed church, in which he served for several years as deacon, also teaching in the Sunday school.

Mr. Glessner married, January 17, 1886, Emma Bell Walker, and the following are theiir children: Leroy W., aged nineteen, educated in the common and normal schools, a member of the Reformed church, is now at home and assisting his father. Cyrus T., aged seventeen, educated in common and normal schools, has taught for two years in public schools. He is fitting himself for a profession at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, whither he will return after this year's teaching. He is a member of the Reformed church. Harry H., aged fifteen, at home, educated in common and normal schools. Eleanor R., aged twelve, and Williard D., aged ten, attending school. Mrs. Glessner is a daughter of Cyrus H. and Elizabeth S. (Schrock) Walker, the former a farmer of Brothers Valley township, a Democrat and a member of the German Baptist church. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Alice, wife of Daniel Schrock; Emma Bell, born March 14, 1867, educated in public schools, member of Reformed church and wife of Edward D. Glessner; Catharine, wife of Albert Cover, has two children, Paul and Leon; John Calvin, died in infancy. Mr. Walker died May 4, 1905, aged sixty-four years, and his widow, who is sixty-three and in good health, resides in Berlin.

JOHN F. REIMAN.

John F. Reiman, of Berlin, is a great-grandson of Gottlieb Reiman, who was born in 1747, in Germany, and founded the family in Somerset county some time prior to 1768. His children were: John, George (of whom later), Charles, Mary, and Elizabeth. Gottlieb Reiman died in 1804.

George Reiman, son of Gottlieb Reiman, was born in 1768, married and removed to Shade township. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Their children were: Mary, deceased; John, deceased; Henry; Elizabeth; Susannah, deceased; George, deceased; Samuel; Joseph; Jacob, of whom later; Sarah, and Lydia. George Reiman died in 1834 and his wife in 1855.

Jacob Reiman, son of George Reiman, was born July 1,

1813. He was a farmer. He was formerly a Whig, later identifying himself with the Republicans. He and his wife were members of the German Baptist church. Mr. Reiman married, November 4, 1838, Elizabeth, born in November, 1817, in Elk Lick township, daughter of Christian and Susan Fike, and their children were: Samuel F., deceased; John F., of whom later; Tobias, deceased; Moses and Elizabeth, died in childhood; Susan, and Jeremiah J. The death of Mrs. Reiman occurred in 1889 and that of Mr. Reiman in 1891.

John F. Reiman, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fike) Reiman, was born February 5, 1843, in Stony Creek township, and received his preparatory education in the common schools. Later he attended the Somerset Normal school, where he qualified himself for the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years in the schools of the county. At the age of twenty-three he married and bought a farm from Christian Schrock, on which he has since resided. The estate consists of two hundred and ten acres of good farm land, with the exception of about twenty-five acres which are timber. There is an abundance of fruit, both apples and peaches. The improvements are modern and were made by the present owner. Stock, grain and hay are the products of the farm, and it is supplied with good breeds of horses and cattle. The house was built in 1848, rebuilt in 1893, and the barn in 1877. Mr. Reiman has served as school director and auditor, and is the present nominee for poor farm director. He is a Republican in politics. He is a deacon of the German Baptist church and a member and former teacher of the Sunday school.

Mr. Reiman married, March 10, 1866, Sarah Schrock, and their children are: Milton S., born August 13, 1867, died December 7, 1879; Emma S., born May 18, 1869, wife of Allen Mostoller, farmer of Stony Creek township, has one child, Orpha; Cora M., born July 21, 1872, wife of A. A. Miller, farmer of Jefferson township, has five sons: Lloyd J., Harry, Elmer, Galen and Maurice; Lizzie B., born December 22, 1873, wife of U. S. Lehman, farmer on the farm adjoining the homestead; they had three children: Elsie, John and Verda, all deceased; Harvey G., born August 2, 1877, died February 25, 1880; Jacob C., born September 21, 1880, educated in common and normal schools, taught one year, and in 1903 bought his father's farm, where he now resides, his parents making their home with him; he married, April 16, 1903, Annie, daughter of Solomon M. and Mary Knepper, the former a farmer of Milford township; they have one child, Howard K., born February 16, 1906; a daughter who died in infancy, June 21, 1884.

Mrs. Reiman is a daughter of Jacob C. and Catharine (Horner) Schrock, who were married about 1835. Mr. Schrock was a Republican. He and his wife were members of the German Baptist church. Their children were: George, married Susan Musser, and after her death Elizabeth Meyer, of Somerset; John, farmer of Somerset township, married Susan Miller; Israel, farmer at Friedens, married Annie Walker; Joseph, married Sarah Beachley and died in Iowa; Mary, wife of Daniel Beachley, retired farmer living at Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Sarah, born June 10, 1844, educated in public schools, member of the German Baptist church, and wife of John F. Reiman; Catharine, wife of Emmanuel Blough, retired farmer of Somerset township; Rebecca, wife of J. J. Reiman; Anna, deceased, wife of William Platt.

JOSEPH REITZ,

Joseph Reitz, of Roxbury, is a son of Hartman Reitz, who was born in 1805, in Germany, and was by trade a miller. At the age of thirty he came to the United States, having previously served in the German army, as required by law. He settled in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, on the mill property now owned by his son Joseph. It is probable that for one hundred and fifty years a gristmill has stood on this site, the present structure being the second erected on the property, having been built about 1805 by Speicher & Musser. There is a fair water-power, but the mill is worked chiefly by steam. Mr. Reitz was a Whig, but later became a Republican. He and his second wife were members of the Lutheran church.

Hartman Reitz married a Miss Grindlesparger, who bore him two children: John C., of Rockwood, married Mary Keefer; and Conrad Z. married Elizabeth Keller and lives in Iowa. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Reitz married, in 1845, Sarah Geiger, and by this marriage became the father of the following children: Elanora, wife of Oliver Spangler, of Colorado; Hartman H., miller and lumberman of Elk Lick township, married Mary Foust; Elizabeth, wife of Gabriel Engle, of Westmoreland county; Joseph, of whom later; William, for twenty years a miller of Somerset, now of Ohio, married Emma Stoner; Henry A., grain broker of Johnstown, married Lizzie Foust; Jacob J., miller of Elton, Pennsylvania, married Ella Stull, and after her death Sadie Landis; Daniel, millwright and inventor of milling machinery, married Emma Musser, and died in 1899 in Berlin. Two other children died in infancy. The death of Mr. Reitz occurred in 1882, when he was seventy-seven years old, and his widow passed away in 1892, at the age of seventy-two.

Joseph Reitz, son of Hartman and Sarah (Geiger) Reitz, was born April 20, 1853, on the farm and mill property on the Glade road, near Roxbury, in Stony Creek township, and received his education in the public schools. His first occupation was working in a sawmill, where he remained three years. He then went to Wellersburg, where he was employed in the grist and flour mill, but after a time went to Canton, Ohio, and thence to Iowa, where he spent one summer. He then returned and worked with his father in the gristmill, learning the trade of a miller, and in 1885 became by purchase the owner of the mill, which he has since continuously operated. In 1882, on the occasion of his marriage, he moved into the house which is still his home. The farm connected with the mill consists of about fifty acres, with two dwelling-houses and a fine barn, built by Mr. Reitz in 1896. Fruit of all kinds abounds and there is a sugar camp of five hundred vessels, producing about fifteen hundred pounds annually. The farm is well stocked, and though small, is productive. Mr. Reitz was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist. He is a member of the Roxbury Lutheran church, in which he serves as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school, having formerly held the office of trustee.

Mr. Reitz married, February 16, 1882, Laura Long, and their children are as follows: Eva B., born March 6, 1883, educated in common and normal schools, has taught for three years in public schools of township, lives at home, member of the Lutheran church; Walter L., born April 24, 1888, educated in common and normal schools, now teaching in Southampton township, member of the Lutheran church; Grace, born December 15, 1890, died at the age of three years and six months; Pearl E. and Nevin (twins), born August 28, 1893; the former attends school and the latter died at the age of six months; Ethel, born May 15, 1903. Two other children died in infancy. Mrs. Reitz is a daughter of Michael and Lavinia Long, of Wellersburg, the former a land agent and for thirty years justice of the peace. He and his wife were members of the Evangelical church. Their children are: Alexander, of Wellersburg; Laura, born January 2, 1857, educated in Wellersburg schools, member of Evangelical church, now the wife of Joseph Reitz; Bella, wife of Jesse Cook, of Wellersburg; William; and two daughters who died in infancy. Mr. Long died December 28, 1894, aged seventy-three, and his widow, who resides in Wellersburg, is in good health and active at the age of seventy-five.

LUTHER J. HILLEGASS.

The Hillegass family can be traced back to an ancestry living in France near the German border. They afterward settled in Germany, and at an early period came to the United States. The first treasurer of the United States was Michael Hillegass, from whom the Somerset family claim descent.

Luther J. Hillegass, of Berlin, is a grandson of Jacob Hillegass, who was born November 2, 1777, and was a farmer of Bedford county. He married Annie M. B. Halbert, who was born February 4, 1787. Mr. Hillegass died February 9, 1848, and his widow survived until May 31, 1864.

Jacob B. Hillegass, son of Jacob and Annie M. B. (Halbert) Hillegass, was born May 18, 1818, and lived as a farmer in Bedford county until 1859, when he moved to Somerset county. In 1881 he returned to Bedford county and took up his abode in New Buena Vista, where he passed the remainder of his days in retirement. For several terms he filled the office of school director. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church, in which for a long period he served continuously as deacon and elder.

Mr. Hillegass married, October 17, 1843, Esther Ann, born February 23, 1824, daughter of James A. Burns, of Burns' Mills, Bedford county. Mr. Burns was a Democrat and for several years was associate judge of Bedford county, and served two terms in the legislature. His father, James Burns, lived to the extraordinary age of one hundred and one years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Hillegass consisted of the following children: James A., born September 8, 1844, farmer of Allegheny township, married Catharine A. Kimmel, has ten children; William H., born February 23, 1847, farmer of Allegheny township, married Sarah Glessner, has fourteen children; Calvin B., born February 19, 1849, lives with his brothers, James A. and William H.; Cyrus P., born February 13, 1851, died March 31, 1852; Henrietta H., born November 23, 1853, wife of Samuel G. Walker, farmer of Allegheny township, has four children; Luther J., of whom later; Harry T., born November 23, 1862, lives in Chicago; Annie M. B., born February 22, 1864, wife of Irvin Taylor, farmer near New Paris, Bedford county, has four children. The mother of these children died May 31, 1865. Mr. Hillegass married (second), January 16, 1868, Louisa Mortimore, who died May 22, 1891; no issue. Mr. Hillegass died May 4, 1891.

Luther J. Hillegass, son of Jacob B. and Esther Ann (Burns) Hillegass, was born January 19, 1859, on a farm at Burns' Mills, Juniata township, Bedford county, and was educated in the public schools of Somerset county and at the Berlin Normal school. His first occupation was teaching in the public schools of Somerset and Bedford counties, where he remained four years, and for the two years following cultivated a farm in Allegheny township. He then removed to Stony Creek township, where he bought and settled on the farm which has since been his home. This property consists of one hundred and eighteen acres and includes a neighboring tract of thirty-six acres. There is an abundance of fruit of various kinds and there is also a sugar camp of five hundred vessels. The farm horses are nearly all pure-blooded Percherons, and the cattle are short-horns. Coal underlies the farm, in which Mr. Hillegass retains the right, with the exception of the B vein, which has been sold. All the buildings have been erected since the property was purchased by the present owner, the barn having been built in 1886 and the house in 1903. A fine spring furnishes both structures a plentiful supply of running water. Mr. Hillegass raises a great deal of stock, using for the purpose a farm of two hundred acres which he owns in Allegheny township. About thirty head of cattle are constantly grazing there. He has served two terms as school director. He is a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church, which he has served as deacon. He has recently been re-elected elder of the Roxbury congregation.

Mr. Hillegass married, August 12, 1880, Mary E., born February 26, 1861, daughter of Tobias and Caroline (Walker) Glessner, and educated in the township schools. Mr. and Mrs. Hillegass are the parents of the following children: Robert T., born October 30, 1881, educated in common and normal schools, taught five years in Stony Creek township, where he now cultivates his own farm; Republican and member of Reformed church; married Harriet Stutzman; they have one child, Jacob L., born October 24, 1905. J. Howard, born March 12, 1882, educated in public schools, resides in Pittsburg; Republican and member of Reformed church. John G., born February 3, 1885, educated in common and normal schools, taught two years, attended Pennsylvania Business College; is now bookkeeper for Westinghouse Company; Republican and member of Reformed church. George A., born July 9, 1888, educated in common and normal schools, lives at home, member of Reformed church. Nellie B., born September 10, 1889, at home, educated in common and normal schools, member of Reformed church. Henrietta W., born May 14, 1891, attending school, member of Reformed church. Harry H., born April 17, 1893, attending school. Mary E., born March 11, 1895. Annie P., born October 18, 1896. Ross L., born October 15, 1898. Alvin H., born May 13, 1900. Nevin S., born August 18, 1902. Lester C., born October 7, 1904. It is a noteworthy fact that every member of this large family is in perfect health, and that the circle has never yet been broken by death.

HENRY J. CHRISTNER.

Henry J. Christner, a merchant of West Salisbury, is descended from ancestors who were among the early settlers of Elk Lick township. His grandfather and father were both Joseph Christner, the latter a native of Somerset county and a farmer. He was a German Baptist. He was a Democrat for forty years before his death, at the age of eighty-four. He married Mary Keim, by whom he had twelve children, all living in 1906 but three. Mary (Keim) Christner died at the age of fifty-three.

Henry J. Christner, third son of Joseph Christner, was born September 17, 1853, in Elk Lick township, and until the age of nineteen attended the public schools for a term of three months annually. He assisted his father in the labors of the farm and in the management of the sawmill until 1875, and then for a short time was employed by the neighboring farmers. Afterward he worked in the mines until 1887, when he again sought and found employment among the farmers. In 1903, in company with his wife, he bought the grocery and feed business of Joseph Patton, of West Salisbury, and has since carried on the business at that place. Since 1904 he has held the office of assistant postmaster of West Salisbury, and for one term served as assessor of Elk Lick township. He is an adherent of the Democratic party and a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Christner married Charlotte Wagner, daughter of Peter Wagner, of Elk Lick township, and they are the parents of three children: Florence Ruth (Mrs. Frank Argenbright), Harry Buford, and Herbert Eugene.

DANIEL LIVENGOOD.

Daniel Livengood, of Elk Lick, is one of the numerous descendants of the Rev. Peter Livengood, who came from German Switzerland and settled in Elk Lick township a century and a half ago. One of his sons, John Livengood, was the father of Samuel P. Livengood, a farmer of Elk Lick township, where he was born.

Jacob S. Livengood, son of Samuel P. Livengood, was born in 1816, in Elk Lick township, and was a farmer and cooper. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Miller, of the same township, having moved thither from the east shortly after the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Livengood were the parents of the following children: Barbara, Archibald, Jonas, Sarah, Elijah (see forward), Savilla, Elizabeth, Mahlon, Eliza, Lydia, Harriet, Harvey, and John.

Elijah Livengood, son of Jacob S. and Elizabeth (Miller)

Livengood, was born April 5, 1848, on the old homestead. in Elk Lick township, where he attended the public schools until his sixteenth year. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and participated in a number of engagements. On June 29, 1865, he was honorably discharged from the service. After his return home he was employed by his father until 1869, when he rented his father-in-law's farm, remaining there until 1872. He then purchased the property and has ever since made it his home. He is largely interested in timber land, both in Pennsylvania and Maryland, where he operates a mill near Grantsville. He holds the office of auditor, is a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church. Mr. Livengood married, October 17, 1872, Caroline, daughter of Henry Yoder, of Elk Lick township, and they are the parents of the following children: Henry, Elizabeth, Joseph, Abraham, and Daniel, see forward.

Daniel Livengood, son of Elijah and Caroline (Yoder) Livengood, was born October 12, 1884, in Elk Lick township, where he received his preparatory education in the public schools. At the age of fifteen he entered Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, graduating therefrom in 1902. For one year he taught in the schools of his native township, and was then employed for a time as clerk in a drug store, after which he took a course in Grand Rapids Veterinary School. On June 1, 1904, he helped found the West Salisbury Feed Company, which was organized with the following board of officers: President, Richard Newman; secretary and manager, Daniel W. Livengood.

Mr. Livengood married, December 26, 1905, Mabel, daughter of Hiram Miller, of Meyersdale. Mabel was born October 10, 1885; graduated from Juniata College, class of 1904.

SIMON S. MILLER.

Simon S. Miller, of Springs, Elk Lick township, traces his ancestry to John Miller, who moved to Somerset county from Berks county, Pennsylvania. The next in line of descent was Jacob Miller, born in Elk Lick township, Somerset county, removed to Ohio in 1808-09. His son, Benedict Miller, born in Elk Lick township, November 19, 1781, died in June, 1837. He was a farmer and carpenter. He married Catharine, daughter of Peter Bitsche, who came from Switzerland in 1754 and settled in Elk Lick township, and their children were: Henry, Peter, William, Salome, Catharine, Joel (see forward), Susanna, Elizabeth, Benedict, Barbara, Moses and Jacob.

Joel Miller, son of Benedict and Catharine (Bitsche) Miller, was born March 27, 1811, in Allegheny county, Maryland,

and like his father was a farmer and carpenter, adding to these callings that of a blacksmith. His wife was Catharine Brenneman, born April 5, 1813, in Germany, and came to the United States in 1828. Their children were: Samuel J., see forward; Daniel J., born December 19, 1836, married Lucretia Fuller; Elias J., born February 21, 1839, married Nancy Miller; Elizabeth, born August 17, 1841, wife of Elias Hershbarger; Mary, born 1843, wife of Emmanuel Hershberger; Joel J., born December 14, 1844, married Savilla Beachy; Catharine, born March 14, 1848, wife of Elias M. Miller; Christian J., born November 18, 1850, married Barbara Gnagey; Lydia, born March 25, 1853, died January 30, 1856; and Anna, born February 1, 1858, wife of John D. Yoder.

Samuel J. Miller, son of Joel and Catharine (Brenneman) Miller, was born November 23, 1834, in Elk Lick township, and was all his life devoted to agricultural pursuits. He married, November 15, 1854, Magdalena, daughter of Christian Swartzendruber, of Elk Lick township, and their children were: Jacob S., born August 12, 1855, married Anna Beachy; Elias S., born June 14, 1858, married Catharine Beachy; Simon S., see forward; Amanda, born October 12, 1864, wife of Daniel Beachy; and Lucy, born February 20, 1876, wife of Moses Beachy. Mr. S. J. Miller died September 16, 1906; his wife died May, 1892.

Simon S. Miller, son of Samuel J. and Magdalena (Swartzendruber) Miller, was born March 2, 1862, on the farm on which he now lives, in Elk Lick township, and attended the public schools until the age of nineteen. He worked for his father on the homestead until 1887, when he became by purchase the owner of the farm. He was engaged in the retail coal business from 1887 to June 30, 1905, when he leased his coal to E. O. F. Stotler, of Meyersdale, and the works are now operated under the name of the Meyersdale Fuel Company. He has served two terms as school director, is a Republican, and a member of the Amish Mennonite church, in which since 1902 he has held the office of treasurer.

Mr. Miller married Lydia, daughter of Daniel Beachy, of Aurora, West Virginia, and their children are: Anselm, Allan, Essie, Anna, Earle, Claude, and Ernest.

GEORGE WASHINGTON GOHN COBAUGH.

George W. G. Cobaugh, a prosperous and enterprising farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born on the old Cobaugh homestead, November 6, 1877, the son of Daniel P. and Nancy C. (Gohn) Cobaugh, both natives of Somerset county.

(I) Frederick Cobaugh, a native of France, settled in this country at Johnstown, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1783, when the country was thickly wooded, and save for the presence of Indians and wild animals an almost unbroken solitude. Purchasing a tract of land, he engaged in farming, which pursuit he followed for the remainder of his active life. He was the father of six children, three sons and three daughters, and lived to the advanced age of eighty years.

(II) John Cobaugh, eldest son of Frederick Cobaugh, was a native of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, born in March, 1788, died January, 1874. He went to Somerset county about 1805, and there settled on a farm in Somerset township, two and a half miles north of the town of Somerset, which is now owned by George W. G. Cobaugh. John Cobaugh married Rebecca Good, who lived to be eighty years of age, and by whom he had two children, viz.: George and Sarah (Mrs. Lichty).

(III) George Cobaugh, son of John and Rebecca (Good) Cobaugh, was born July 11, 1816, on his father's farm. He followed the quiet but useful occupation of a farmer, working on his father's farm until 1881, when he purchased a farm nearer Somerset, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was a highly successful farmer, and at the time of his death, March 23, 1902, owned about a thousand acres of good farming land. He married, March 31, 1838, Louisa Emert, who was born in 1815 and died 1886. She was the daughter of John and Susan (Zimmerman) Emert. Mr. and Mrs. George Cobaugh had two sons, John E. and Daniel P.

(IV) John E. Cobaugh, son of George and Louisa (Emert) Cobaugh, was born February 24, 1839. He served as a private in the Civil war in Company A, Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment of Volunteers. May 5, 1864, near Richmond, Virginia, in the battle of the Wilderness, he was wounded, and was taken to Fredericksburgh, where he died May 19, 1864, his last words being, "I am ready; all is well."

(IV) Daniel P. Cobaugh, younger son of George and Louisa (Emert) Cobaugh, and father of George W. G. Cobaugh, was born November 3, 1845, on the homestead farm near Somerset. He obtained a good education in the common schools of his native place, and engaged for some years in school teaching. After relinquishing the occupation of a teacher, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, which line of work he followed for the remainder of his working life.

November 27, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy C. Gohn, who was born October 27, 1857, the daughter of George L. and Christiana (Hoffman) Gohn. George L. Gohn was born February 19, 1822. He is a very good teamster, an occupation which he followed for a number of years, during that time being the owner of excellent horses. He served for one year in the Civil war. About thirty years of his life were spent on a farm situated about three miles north of Somerset, and he is now living a retired life in the town of Somerset. November 12, 1855, he married Christiana Hoffman, daughter of John and Nancy (Noftsinger) Hoffman. By this union one child was born, Nancy C., who became the wife of Daniel P. Cobaugh. Mr. and Mrs. Cobaugh have children as follows: Lulu C., died July 1, 1878; George W. G., of whom later; Bruce U. P., born May 8, 1881; received a high school education and taught in the public schools several years; he then took a four years' course in the Gettysburg College, graduating in June, 1905, and is now associated with the Gettysburg College as assistant instructor in chemistry; John E. H., born October 3, 1883, obtained a common school education and follows the occupation of a farmer. Daniel P. Cobaugh, the father of the above named children, died September 28, 1897.

George W. G. Cobaugh, second child and eldest son of Daniel P. and Nancy C. (Gohn) Cobaugh, received his education in the common schools of his native place, and after leaving school adopted the vocation of his forefathers, that of a farmer, and lives on the farm that has been in the Cobaugh family for four generations. In 1903 he purchased Meadow Brook farm, which contains one hundred and forty-eight acres of well-located land, and one hundred and thirty perches, which contains sixty acres of rich creek bottom land, which, when drained, makes the finest kind of farming land in this part of the country, and which is now in a good state of cultivation. Mr. Cobaugh is in every way adapted to the life of a farmer, and has a strong liking for this occupation. It is his aim to make old "Meadow Brook" farm one of the centers of attraction and agriculture in the county, and it bids fair to become such. George Cobaugh comes of a sturdy, long-lived race, who lived lives of sobriety, industry and honesty. Coming and settling in Somerset county when it was little more than an uncultivated wilderness, they with characteristic energy and determination applied themselves to the task of clearing and cultivating land, and assisting in the general upbuilding of the county, little dreaming of the mines that are now in operation there or the farmers' telpehone lines that exist at the present day.

A Republican by inheritance and convictions, Mr. Cobaugh is interested in all party affairs, and is willing and anxious to lend his assistance to any enterprise that will tend to advance the interest and progress of the community. He holds membership in the Highland Grange, No. 879, P. of H., and has been an office holder in this society; member of the American Society of Equity. In church relations he affiliates with the Evangelical faith. At the age of fifteen he joined the Evangelical Association, or Albright church, but when the schism occurred he held to the new side and is now a member of the United Evangelical church, of which he is class leader, Sunday school superintendent and secretary of the board of trustees.

September 27, 1899, he married Miss Anna Bertha Tospon, at the home of her parents, about five miles from Somerset. She was born June 4, 1882, the daughter of Augustus H. and Lizzie (Wessel) Tospon. On the paternal side she is descended from Daniel Tospon, a native of Saxony, Germany, who was born in 1810 and died May 10, 1880. He came to the United States in 1851 and settled in Somerset county, near Bakersville. He was a weaver of fine linen in Germany and followed that occupation in this country. His wife was Caroline Bixon, by whom he had children as follows: Henry, William (both of whom served in the Civil war), Mary, Augustus H., John.

Augustus H., fourth child and third son of Daniel and Caroline (Bixon) Tospon, was born in Saxony, Germany, August 5, 1849. He was about a year and a half old when he came here with his parents, and followed the occupation of farming throughout his active working life. He married, March 21, 1871, Miss Lizzie Wessel, and their children were: William H., John W., Caroline E., Frank B., Anna B. (Mrs. Cobaugh), Estelle P., and Harry A. Augustus H. died September 24, 1903. Mrs. Cobaugh's maternal grandfather was John Frederick Wessel, who was also a native of Saxony, Germany. He was a tailor by trade in the old country, and coming to the United States settled near Berlin in Somerset county. He was married in Germany to Caroline Rowls, who was born March 29, 1819, and died April 20, 1890. By her the following children were born: Hannah, Margaret, Lizzie, Susan, Charles and Frederick. Of these Lizzie became the wife of Augustus H. Tospon, and Margaret, Charles and Frederick are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. George W. G. Cobaugh are the parents of children as follows: Elizabeth Catherine, born December 5, 1900, on the farm then owned by George L. Gohn, near Somerset; Harry William Harte, born October 7, 1902, a mile and a quarter north of Somerset, on a farm owned by George Cobaugh, Sr.

SAMUEL D. GLOTFELTY.

The family of which Samuel D. Glotfelty, of Elk Lick, is a representative, is of Swiss origin. In the opinion of Professor Dandliker, a well-known historian of Zurich, Switzerland, the patronymic was undoubtedly derived from Feld-der-Glatt, a branch of the Rhine, on the banks of which was the small town of Glattfelden. The original orthography of the name was Glattfelder.

The old records of the Reformed church at Glattfelden state that Casper, son of Felix and Barbara (Garius) Glattfelder, was born in 1709. In 1743 he emigrated to the American colonies, the name of the ship on which he was a passenger being either the "Francois" or the "Elizabeth." He made his home in Philadelphia. Casper Glattfelder married, in 1731, Elizabeth Lauffer, the marriage being recorded in the books of the Reformed church at Glattfelden.

Their son, Solomon Glattfelder, was born February 23, 1738, at Glattfelden, and was five years old when brought by his parents to this country. In 1765 Solomon Glattfelder went to Baltimore, Maryland, and thence migrated to Pennsylvania, where he purchased land near what is now the site of Salisbury. This land, which was purchased in 1776, is now known as the "David and John Glotfelty farms." In the time of its orignal owner the estate was known as "Green Park," and in 1776 he bought the farm east of Salisbury now owned by John C. and Milton Glotfelty, his great-grandsons. Solomon Glotfelder (as in his time the name came to be spelled) was the father of the following children: A daughter, born June 12, 1767; Eva Margaret, April 12, 1769; John Adam, October 25, 1770; Anna Mary, April 14, 1773; Elizabeth, April 2, 1775; Casper, August 24, 1777; Henry, November 4, 1779; Jacob, see forward; and Catherine, October 15, 1789. Of these, John Adam went to Ohio and but little is known of him. Casper went to Maryland. Henry and Jacob remained at home until the death of their father. Henry was the father of three sons: Joseph, Henry and William. Solomon Glotfelder, the father, died at Salisbury in 1818.

Jacob Glotfelder, son of Solomon Glotfelder, was born January 17, 1784, and was a blacksmith by trade. He married Elizabeth Showman, by whom he was the father of the following children: Samuel, David, Jeremiah, John, Michael, Harriet, Adaline, and Elizabeth. His death occurred in 1873.

David Glotfelder, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Showman) Glotfelder, married Harriett Schrock, and their children were: Samson, Marian, Richard, Elizabeth, Rachel, Gurney, Samuel D., George and Mary.

Samuel D. Glotfelty, son of David and Harriett (Schrock) Glotfelder, was born March 16, 1864, in Elk Lick township, where he attended the public schools until the age of fifteen. He then drove a team in the lumber woods and worked on a farm until 1889. In that year he bought the farm now owned by Ambrose Deal, in Elk Lick township, and there made his home until 1900, when he sold the property and purchased a farm of one hundred and three acres, of which all but sixteen acres are in Maryland, while all the buildings are in Pennsylvania. He is a Democrat and a member of the Reformed church of Salisbury.

Mr. Glotfelty married, April 29, 1888, Margaret, daughter of Henry Herwig, of Summit township, and the following children have been born to them: Zephia Edna, Ada Mabel, and Dorothy Marie. Mr. Glotfelty departed this life July 18, 1903.

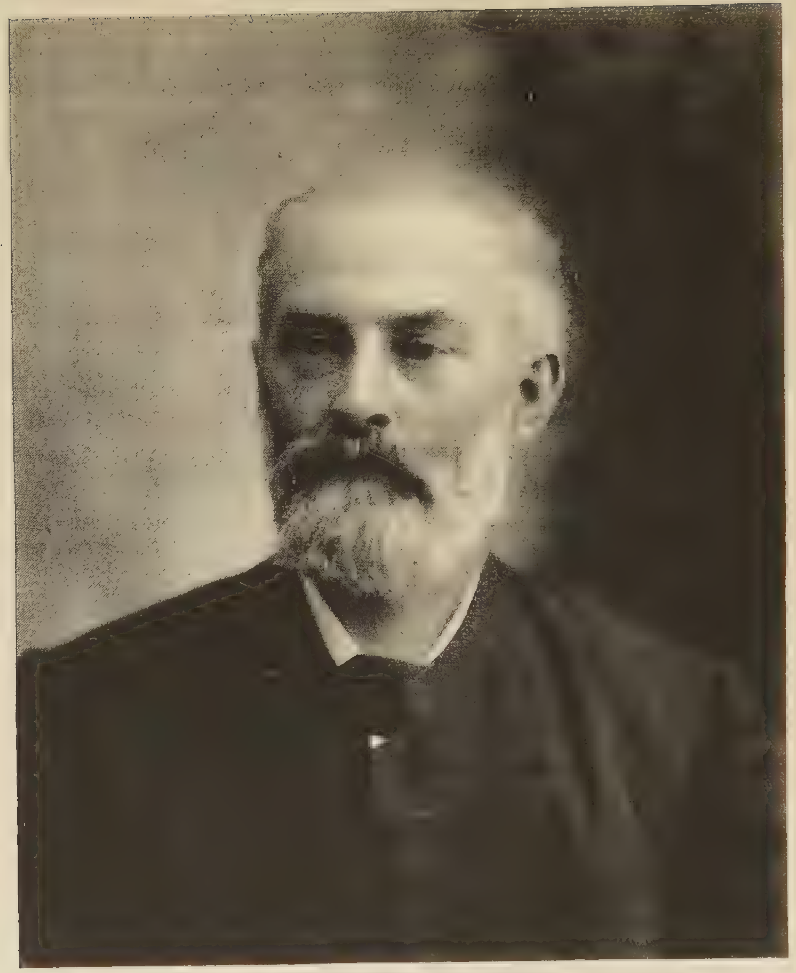
CYRUS JOSEPH FIKE.

The paternal ancestors of Cyrus Joseph Fike, of Meyersdale, were among the earliest settlers of Elk Lick township. His great-grandfather, Jonathan Fike, was a native of Switzerland, and crossed the ocean three times, settling near Reading, Pennsylvania. Later he moved to Elk Lick township, Somerset county, there being then not much cleared land, and bears and deer were seen almost daily. Both he and his wife were members of the Amish church. Christopher Fike, son of Jonathan Fike, was a native of York county, Pennsylvania, a farmer, and the founder of one of the Somerset county branches of the family. His wife was Christina, daughter of Peter Livengood, of Elk Lick township. Christopher Fike and his wife were brought up in the Amish church, but later joined the Dunker church, now called the German Baptist church.

Joseph Fike, son of Christopher and Christina (Livengood) Fike, was born in Elk Lick township, on the farm now occupied by William N. Moser. He followed the calling of a farmer. He married Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Miller, of Elk Lick township, and their children were: Elias, Susan, Samuel, Anna, Catharine, John, Cyrus Joseph (see forward), Jonas, Daniel and Mehlin.

Cyrus Joseph Fike, son of Joseph and Sarah (Miller) Fike, was born May 25, 1839, in Elk Lick township, on a farm now owned by Henry Wilmoth, of Meyersdale. He received his education in the public schools, and at the age of eighteen left school and was employed by his father on the homestead until October, 1862, when he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served nine months. In March, 1865, he was drafted, but after a short period of service was discharged. He made a brief sojourn in the west, working at different places, and in 1885 purchased the property on which he now makes his home. He is a shareholder in the Economy Telephone Company. With the exception of justice of the peace, he has held every office in the township, notably that of supervisor, in which he served three terms. He is a Democrat and a member of the German Baptist church.

Mr. Fike married, February 20, 1870, Sarah, daughter of



S. A. Beachy

John Lephart, of Upper Turkeyfoot township, and their children are: William A. Wallace, Lloyd Byron, Ira Clinton, Allan Homer, and Alice Lulu.

THE BEACHY FAMILY.

The Beachy family, numerous representatives of which reside in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was founded in this country by Abraham Beachy, who came from Switzerland and settled in eastern Pennsylvania. He afterwards came to what is now Somerset, then Bedford county, and purchased in Elk Lick township a large tract of land, whereon he settled. The name was formerly spelled Bitsche. Abraham Beachy married Barbara Lichty, who bore him one child, Peter A. Abraham Beachy died September 18, 1833.

Peter A. Beachy, only child of Abraham and Barbara (Lichty) Beachy, was born in Elk Lick township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1793. He received a limited education in the subscription schools, and succeeded to the home farm, where he followed dairy and general farming during the active years of his life. He was known as "River Pete." He accumulated a large amount of money from his farming business and the discounting of paper for the neighborhood, leaving at the time of his death thirty thousand dollars in gold in a strong box, which was his bank. He was a sharp, shrewd man in his dealings, possessed great foresight and judgment, but was strictly honorable in all his transactions. He was practically an invalid from his twenty-fifth year; although slight in physique and weak in body, his mind and power of transacting successful business was in no way affected. Peter A. Beachy married Anna Livengood, who bore him four sons and six daughters: Samuel, Elizabeth, Matilda, Susannah, John W., Abraham P., Nancy, Lucinda, Daniel L. and Sarah Ann. Peter A. Beachy, who was a member of the Amish Mennonite church, died August 21, 1854; his wife died October 22, 1869, aged seventy-two years.

Abraham P. Beachy, third son of Peter A. and Ann (Livengood) Beachy, was born in Elk Lick township, January 23, 1828. He was educated in the subscription schools taught by J. J. Stutzman. He was reared on the home farm, on which he was actively engaged from early youth, and was taught the value of industry and a horror of idleness. On attaining manhood he rented the home farm from his father and worked it for three years, at the expiration of which time he became the owner by purchase. He added to the farm from time to time until he was the owner of a landed estate of six hundred acres in Somerset county and a section of land in Nebraska. He was one of the prosperous, honored men of his county, and could have had any political office, but he always refused to allow his name to be used as a candidate, preferring to lead a quiet, retired life. He was a staunch friend of the cause of education and for many years was a school director. He was a deacon of the German Baptist church. He was at first an old line Whig, but later a Republican.

Abraham P. Beachy married (first), January 23, 1848, Christiana, daughter of Samuel C. Lichty, of Elk Lick township. Seven children were born to them, six of whom survive, namely: Samuel A., Lucinda (Mrs. Samuel P. Maust), Annie (Mrs. Gabriel Beachley, of Beatrice, Nebraska), Peter A. (of Chicago, Illinois); Lloyd L. (resides on the old homestead farm), and Alice (Mrs. Norman Musselman, of Falls City, Nebraska). Mrs. Christiana Beachy died July 14, 1880. Mr. Beachy married (second) Matilda, daughter of Henry Yoder. Abraham P. Beachy died January 2, 1896.

Samuel A. Beachy, eldest son of Abraham P. and Christiana (Lichty) Beachy, was born on the Beachy homestead, April 2, 1849. He was reared on the home farm and educated in the common and normal schools of the district. He taught one term in the township school and one in Carroll county, Illinois. In 1873 he purchased what was known as the Ober farm, containing one hundred and sixty acres of fertile and highly cultivated land. He makes a specialty of dairy produce and stock raising. He was one of the organizers and stockholders in the First National Bank of Salisbury. He has held many positions of honor and trust, and is an executor of one of the largest estates in the county. He is greatly interested in educational matters and served as school director several years. He is a member of the German Baptist Brethren church, and a Republican in politics.

Samuel A. Beachy married, February 27, 1870, Mary, daughter of Samuel J. Fike, and four children were born to them, as follows: Ida M., wife of Dallas J. Fike, two children, Mary and Charles Fike; Carrie, wife of Arthur C. Lichty, one child, Dorothy; Alice Christiana, resides at home; Emma, died in infancy.

LLOYD L. BEACHY.

Lloyd L. Beachy, youngest son of Abraham P. Beachy, of whom prominent mention has been made in the preceding sketch, was born on the old homestead in Elk Lick township, January 1, 1864. He was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools. He has always lived on the farm, to which he succeeded and which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Beachy is a Republican in politics, and has served as school director of the township. He is a member of the German Baptist Brethren church, of which he is trustee. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Salisbury; of which he is a director.

Mr. Beachy married, October 8, 1884, Georgie, daughter of Jeremiah J. and Sarah (Heinbaugh) Folk, of Elk Lick township. Their children are: Clifford, Jack, Christiana, Jeremiah, Sarah and Mary Beachy.

ANDREW J. McKENZIE.

Andrew J. McKenzie, of Garrett, is a grandson of Patrick McKenzie, a farmer and lumberman of Garrett county, Maryland. Patrick McKenzie was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic church. He married Lavinia Getty, a sister of Senator Getty, of Maryland, and their children were: Samuel J., of whom later; James, deceased; Aaron, a farmer near Lima, Indiana; Emmeline, deceased (Mrs. Patrick McKenzie); Julius, a merchant of Lima, Indiana; Thomas, of Meyersdale; Mary, of Meyersdale. Patrick McKenzie was killed by a falling tree in the forest, at the age of forty-eight. His widow, Lavinia McKenzie, is living with her two children, Thomas and Mary, at Meyersdale. She is now (1906) in her eighty-fourth year.

Samuel J. McKenzie, father of Andrew J. McKenzie, was born October 11, 1842, in Maryland, where he received his education in the public and normal schools. After the untimely death of his father, the support of the family devolved largely upon him, he being the eldest son, and this duty he faithfully performed until attaining his majority. In order to do this he taught in the Maryland schools for three years, for which vocation he was thoroughly qualified. At the age of twenty-two he came to Pocahontas, Grenville township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he opened a grocery store, which he conducted for several years. He removed to Meyersdale when the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was building through that section and there opened a boarding house and restaurant, which proved highly remunerative. In 1886 he moved to Summit township, and after a residence there of ten years removed to Garrett, where he resided until his death, which was a tragic one, being killed by a train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, August 29, 1893. He was a Democrat, served nineteen years as justice of the peace for Summit township and ten years as school director, holding both offices at the time of his death. In religious faith he was a Catholic.

Samuel J. McKenzie married, in 1865, Clara A. Stoner, daughter of A. J. Stoner, of Pocahontas, Pennsylvania. She was educated in the public schools. Their children were: Andrew J., of whom later; Margaret, wife of John Lenhart; Mary, widow of Samuel Swarner; Bruce, of Youngstown, Ohio; Annie, deceased; James, deceased; Samuel J., resides at home; Clara, wife of Robert Ellis; Joseph, of Lestenburg, Pennsylvania; Charles, resides at home. Mrs. Clara A. McKenzie makes her home in Garrett with her two sons.

Andrew Jackson McKenzie was born at Pocahontas, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1867. He attended the public schools until he was fifteen years of age, and for five years thereafter was a student at the Meese Preparatory School at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, where he qualified as an instructor, and for four terms taught in the Summit township schools. For the ensuing twelve years he made his home at Garrett and worked in the coal mines. For the past seven years he has conducted a bakery in Garrett, and attended to the duties of justice of the peace, an office he has filled acceptably for that length of time. He also served as tax collector, and in 1904 was appointed burgess of the borough, being re-elected to the same office the following year for a period of three years. Squire McKenzie is an adherent of the principles of Democracy, and in religion he follows the teachings of his forefathers.

Mr. McKenzie married, November 25, 1891, Missouri Fritz, a daughter of Simon W. Fritz, a farmer of Brothers Valley. Their children are: Edna, Ruth, Ethel, Leora, Charles and Annie.

LEONARD A. MAUST.

The family of which Leonard A. Maust, of Garrett, is a representative, has been for more than a century and a quarter resident in Somerset county, where it was founded by Jacob Maust, who was of Swiss or German birth.

Samuel Maust, presumably a son of Jacob Maust, was a native of Elk Lick township and a farmer. His son, Leonard Maust, was born in the same township, and was also engaged in agriculture. He was a member of the Amish Mennonite church and a Republican. Leonard Maust married Catharine, daughter of Daniel Yutzy, of Greenville township, and their children were: Daniel W., Simon L., Anna (deceased), and Leonard A., of whom later. Leonard Maust died October 14, 1865, aged thirty-two years. Mrs. Catharine Maust is living in Grantsville, Maryland.

Leonard A. Maust, son of Leonard and Catharine (Yutzy) Maust, was born August 28, 1865, in Elk Lick township, where he attended the public schools until the age of sixteen. He then entered the Normal school at Pocahontas, and in 1882 began to teach in the schools of Maryland. He continued to engage in educational work until 1884, and then took a commercial course at Mount Union College, Ohio, graduating there in 1885 and returning to Elk Lick township, where he taught for five years. In 1890 he entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company as telegraph operator at Sand Patch, and from this position was promoted until he reached that of station agent at Garrett, which he has held since October 23, 1891. He is a stockholder in the Garrett Water Company, in which he holds the office of secretary. From 1903 to 1905 he served as burgess, and since June, 1905, has been school director. He belongs to the Maccabees, is a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church.

Mr. Maust married, August 9, 1885, Mary E., daughter of John Lentz, then of Elk Lick, now of Berlin, and their children were: Sadie G. (deceased), Arthur B., John L., Robert Le Roy (deceased), Bessie F., Anna Katharine, Harry B. (deceased), Hazel M., Tyranus, Alberta, Margaret Leona, and Lloyd Kirby (deceased).

PETER MILLER SAYLER.

Peter Miller Sayler, a retired farmer of Summit township, is a descendant of early Somerset county pioneers, his grandfather, John Seiler (the early spelling of the name), having been born in Summit township near the present farm of Peter M. He was a member of the Mennonite church, and lived to an advanced age. Among his children was a son, John, born in Summit township, a farmer and a Mennonite. His wife, Sarah (Miller) Sayler, a daughter of Peter Miller, of Summit, was also a Mennonite. John and Sarah (Miller) Sayler were the parents of five children, all sons: Jacob, deceased; Peter M.; Samuel M., who lives near Somerset; Edward, now of Missouri; and Christian, now of Iowa. John Sayler died in 1844. His widow, Sarah, became the wife of Joseph Sayler, and died in 1888.

Peter M. Sayler was born in Middle Creek township, November 16, 1838. He was the second son of John and Sarah (Miller) Sayler. He received his early education in the township school. At the age of six years his father died, and a guardian was appointed. At the age of fourteen he entered the school in Summit township and continued therein for a few terms. His guardian did not see the necessity of education, so Peter's school days were numbered. He began working for the farmers of the neighborhood, and was thus employed until 1861, when he began farming on his own account in Greenville township, where he remained until 1870, when he removed to Summit township and rented a farm, which he cultivated until 1885. Industry and economy had brought to Peter deserved success, and he was now in a position to become a land owner as well as a land worker. In 1885 he purchased the farm on which he has ever since resided. It contains 190 acres of cultivated and timber land, including a sugar camp of 700 vessels, situated about one and one-half miles from Meyersdale. The buildings are good and of ample dimensions. Mr. Sayler has now practically given over active labor and has rented the farm to his son John. On one corner of the estate he is erecting a neat country home with barn, to which he will retire permanently when completed. Peter M. Sayler is a man of strong religious conviction. He is a member of the Summit Mills congregation of the Brethren church, which he serves as deacon. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, but he never craved or sought political office. He has held some of the township offices, but not from choice.

Mr. Sayler married Barbara, daughter of Samuel Hochstetler, of Greenville township. They were married March 7, 1857, and are now nearing the golden anniversary of their wedding day. Eight children have been born to Peter M. and Barbara Sayler, as follows: Amanda; Lydia, deceased; Anna (Mrs. Alvin Handwark); Sarah, deceased; Ida; Harvey, married Nettie Shelbear; he is a teacher in the schools of Washington county, Pennsylvania; John, married Alice Peck; he works the home farm; Eliza (Mrs. Jeremiah Yost).

EDWIN BUHL.

Edwin Buhl, a member of the firm of Buhl & Gatesman, distillers, of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a native of Hohenzollern, Germany, born November 18, 1847, the son of John and Josephine Mary Buhl.

John Buhl was born in Germany in 1812. He was twice married, first to Josephine M. Schmidt, who bore him children as follows: Edwin, of whom later; William, born 1853, came to America in 1867, and is a barber at Pittsburg; Pauline, born 1855, came to America in 1867, and married Anthony Lutz, a brewer of Allegheny. After the death of his first wife, which event occurred in 1862; John Buhl married Amelia Wentz, and by her were born: Joseph, 1874, came to America in 1892, and lives in Pittsburg; Julius, born 1866, came to this country in 1878, and also resides in Pittsburg, and a sister in Germany.

Edwin Buhl emigrated from his native land in 1865, settling in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He was employed in the hardware business in Pittsburg for five years, and in 1870 settled in Clarion county, where for twenty years he was in the hardware business. In 1885 he entered the distilling business in Clarion. In December, 1901, he removed to Meyersdale, and there bought out the business of H. H. Stahl, the proprietor of the old Karn distillery, and forming a partnership with Frank

William Gatesman, immediately engaged in the conduct of same, under the firm name of Buhl & Gatesman. He still continues in this business, which has reached a high state of success and prosperity. The distillery has increased to double its former capacity, and new bondhouses and stills have been built. A new mill for chopping is now under construction. The firm manufactures nothing but the very purest rye. Mr. Buhl is the partner of Mr. J. W. Selker in the conduct of a cigar factory at Clarion. He is a stockholder in the Meyersdale Sheet Steel Company, and a director in the Gold Standard National Bank, of Marion, Clarion county, The Clarion Water Works and the Clarion Gas Company. He is a Republican in politics, and during his residence in Clarion served the borough as councilman and treasurer. In church relations he affiliates with the Roman Catholic faith.

May 2, 1876, Mr. Buhl was united in marriage to Mary Anna Guth, a daughter of Leopold Guth, of Clarion.

FRANK WILLIAM GATESMAN.

Frank William Gatesman, one of the leading business men of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born July 21, 1877, at Lucinda, Clarion county, Pennsylvania, the son of John and Mary Ann (Newland) Gatesman.

John Gatesman (father) was born in 1836 in Clarion county, and always followed the occupation of a farmer and lumberman. He married, in 1850, Mary Ann Newland, daughter of Jacob Newland, of Clarion county, who was born in Germany. Their children were: Jacob, born 1869, died 1889; John, 1871; Andrew, 1875; Frank W., of whom later; Henry, 1876; Catherine, 1879; Josephine, 1881; Magdelina, 1883; Agnes, 1887; and Christina, 1889.

Frank William Gatesman obtained his educational training in the public schools, and at the early age of twelve years commenced to make his own way in the world. He engaged at farming and lumbering until 1899, when he associated himself with the Standard Oil Company, remaining there until 1901. He then removed to Meyersdale, where he engaged in the distillery business in company with Edwin Buhl, and in which he has since continued, achieving the most gratifying success in his business career. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Gatesman, while the junior of the firm, is the active working member and manages and directs the business. He is an active, energetic business man and is highly esteemed by his business associates.

Mr. Gatesman married, October 1, 1901, Susan O. Guth, daughter of Leopold Guth, and they have two children, namely: Clara, born October 2, 1902; and Edwin, February 7, 1905.

KARL ALBERT MILLER.

Karl Albert Miller, a prominent business man of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Northampton township, June 13, 1876, son of John H. and Mary A. (Trimpse) Miller, and grandson of Henry W. and Anna (Reuker) Miller. Henry W. Miller was a native of Anersbach, Germany, and came to this country when a young man. He married Anna Reuker, of Anersbach, and they had two children; Henry W. and Anna B.

Henry W. Miller (father) was born in Northampton township, Somerset county, July 16, 1853, and was for many years a merchant of Johnsburg. He was a justice of the peace of Northampton township for twenty-five years, and was for the same period of time school director and postmaster of Johnsburg. He married, in 1873, Mary A. Trimpse, a daughter of John B. Trimpse, of Oldenburg, Germany. Their children: Matilda, Karl Albert, of whom later; William H., Frank B., Irving C., Clarence G., Emma E., and Walter G.

Karl Albert Miller obtained his initial education in the common schools of his native place, and later spent two years in the University of Pennsylvania. He taught school in Southampton township, Mountain school, Elk Lick, Meyersdale, and Northampton township. He took a one year course in Pierce's Business College at Philadelphia, and there laid an excellent foundation for a future business career. From 1902 until 1904 he had charge of the department of mathematics in the Meyersdale high school, and then associated himself in the grocery business with Mr. J. H. Pfaler. October 15, 1904, he discontinued this connection and started in business on his own account, in which he has since been very successfully and profitably engaged. He is also interested in various other enterprises, among them being the Second National Bank of Meyersdale and the Meyersdale Sheet Steel Company. He is a Republican in politics, and in church connections a Lutheran. Fraternally he is a member of the F. and A. M., No. 554; Hebron, No. 272.

He married, May 18, 1904, Edna, a daughter of Edgar Kyle, ex-sheriff of Meyersdale. One child, John Kyle, born May 5, 1905.

WILLIAM H. HABEL.

William H. Habel, a representative business man of Meyersdale, who has achieved a large degree of success in his undertaking as a result of earnest and close application, energy and perseverance, was born at Bebra, Germany, December 17, 1855. His parents, Conrad and Elizabeth (Knieriem) Habel, natives of Germany, came to the United States in January, 1866. Their family consisted of the following children: Anna D., born October 20, 1850; William H., December 17, 1855; John, January 27, 1859; Sophia, February 5, 1863; Henry A., January 15, 1866; Frederick, September, 1868. Conrad Habel (father) was born September 13, 1822, died September 10, 1892.

William H. Habel attended the public schools of Greenville township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, whither his parents removed upon their arrival in this country in 1866, and completed his studies therein at the age of nineteen years. He taught school for six terms, or until 1881, in which year he became telegraph operator for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Sandpatch, and later accepted a position as freight, ticket and express agent at Meyersdale, serving in that capacity until 1898. He then established a grocery business at Meyersdale, which he conducted alone most successfully up to 1905, in which year he admitted Charles A. Phillips as a partner. His store is well stocked with a full line of staple articles, and they enjoy the patronage of many of the leading families of the town. He is a stockholder and director in the Second National Bank, and a stockholder in the Meyersdale Sheet Steel Company and The Somerset Telephone Company. He takes an active interest in public affairs of his adopted town, and was chosen by his fellow townsmen to serve as councilman and member of the school board, serving nine years in the former and three years in the latter position. He is a member of the Reformed church, and a member of the Masonic Order, affiliating with Lodge No. 554, F. and A. M., Hebron Chapter, No. 272, R. A. M., and Commandery No. 49, K. T., Uniontown. He is a staunch adherent of the principles of Republicanism.

Mr. Habel married, July 15, 1883, Emma Frances Troutman, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Troutman, of South Hampton township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Harry Franklin, born April 16, 1884; John Alpheus, September 8, 1885; Emma Frances, April 28, 1887.

NORMAN E. MILLER.

Norman E. Miller, of Meyersdale, senior member of the firm of Miller & Collins, is a native of Summit Mills, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, born November 24, 1853, son of Ephraim and Lydia (Miller) Miller, and grandson on the paternal side of Daniel Miller, and on the maternal side of Peter Miller, of Summit township.

Ephraim Miller (father) born at Summit township, Sommerset county, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1820, on the Miller farm, which is now known as the Lichty farm. He devoted his time and attention to farming and mercantile pursuits, and at one time was the oldest postmaster in the state, serving in that capacity at Summit Mills. He was straightforward and honest in all his transactions, enterprising and public-spirited, and therefore won the esteem of his fellow townsmen. Mr. Miller married, about 1845, Lydia Berkley, who died about 1847, leaving one child, Simon B., born 1846, who married Lydia Fike, of Summit township, and they now reside in Iowa. In 1851 Mr. Miller married for his second wife Lydia Miller, daughter of Peter Miller, aforementioned, and the following named children were the issue: Uriah M., born March 20, 1852; Norman E., November 24, 1853, of whom later; Mary, October 17, 1856; Ellen, June 28, 1860; and Maggie, September 28, 1865.

Norman E. Miller attended the public schools of Summit Mills until sixteen years of age, after which he clerked for D. H. Wolfsburg, of Rockwood, who conducted a restaurant and general store. He then pursued a course of advanced studies at the California State Normal school, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and from 1873 to 1877 was employed in the Keystone mines and general store. In the latter named year he located in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a salesman for different lines until 1883, when he opened a department store in partnership with G. W. Collins under the firm name of Miller & Collins, which they are conducting at the present time. He is vice-president and director of the Second National Bank, and a stockholder in the Meyersdale Sheet Steel Company, one of the leading enterprises of that town. He is a member of the Brethren church, and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party.

Mr. Miller married, December 31, 1876, Fanny Schrock, daughter of the Rev. John C. Schrock, of Somerset, Pennsylvania. Two children were the issue: Robert, born September 18, 1880, married, October 1, 1903, Margaret Bittner, daughter of Samuel Bittner, of Meyersdale. Walter, born June 10, 1886, died June 2, 1900.

JOSIAH MOSTOLLER.

Josiah Mostoller, of Stonycreek township, is a great-grandson of Frederick Mostoller, a native of Germany, who settled near Friedens, where he took up a large timber tract and cleared a farm. He married and founded the family in Pennsylvania. His children were: George, of whom later; John and two daughters.

George Mostoller, son of Frederick Mostoller, was a farmer, a Whig and a Lutheran. He married a Miss Mowry, who bore him the following children: Sarah, wife of Isaac Wendell; Daniel, of whom later; Samuel Uriah, a veteran of the civil war; and Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Swank. Mr. Mostoller died in 1856, being then seventy years old.

Daniel Mostoller, son of George Mostoller, was born in 1827, and was a farmer in Somerset township, at one time the owner of very large tracts of land. He was a Republican and a Lutheran. Mr. Mostoller married Charlotte, daughter of Joseph Long, a farmer, a Whig and a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Long died in 1875, at the age of seventy, and his wife lived to an advanced age. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mostoller: Josiah, of whom later; Lincoln, merchant and farmer in Illinois; Joanna, wife of Isaiah Good, merchant of Somerset; Emma, wife of Charles T. Shaver, clerk in recorder's office, Somerset; Mary, wife of H. Fritz, lives in Kansas; Harriet, wife of William Miller, hardware merchant in Virginia; John, died in childhood; Eli, also died in childhood; Minnie (Mrs. Forney), afterward (Mrs. Shaffer). The mother of these children died in June, 1874, at the age of forty-three. She was a member of the Lutheran church. On being left a widower Mr. Mostoller married Mary, widow of Jacob Flamm and daughter of Samuel Lowry, and their children were: Samuel, miner at Wells Creek; and a daughter who became the wife of ——— Yutzy and is now deceased, as is her husband. Mr. Mostoller died in 1899, and his widow resides with her son at Wells Creek.

Josiah Mostoller, son of Daniel and Charlotte (Long) Mostoller, was born October 10, 1850, in Somerset township, and was educated in the public schools of Friedens. He worked with his father until attaining his majority, when he married and settled on a farm adjoining the homestead, and half a mile from Friedens. This farm he worked for two years on shares, and then moved to a farm in Stony Creek township, also owned by his father, which he cultivated for three years on shares. At the end of that time he moved to the Samuel Yoder farm, which he worked on shares for seven years, and then settled on the Stephen Trent farm, which he bought of Samuel Philson in 1882. The original purchase was forty-eight acres, to which he has added until it now consists of one hundred and fifty-two acres, one hundred and thirty of which are under cultivation. The farm is well stocked with fine horses and cows and there are good orchards of apples and other fruits. In addition to his other farming operations Mr. Mostoller conducts a dairy. He built his present comfortable residence in 1892. The barn was erected in 1866 by Stephen Trent, and still has its first roof in good condition. Mr. Mostoller has served as school director and is a Republican in politics. He is elder of the

Mizpah congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran church and also serves as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Mostoller married Lydia, daughter of Frederick and Annie (Lephart) Smith, of Snydersville, both natives of Germany. Their daughter Lydia was born February 28, 1849, was educated in the public schools and was a member of the Progressive Brethren church. Mr. and Mrs. Mostoller were the parents of the following children: Allen V., born February 5, 1871, farmer on Brick House Schrock farm, Bedford Pike, Republican, German Baptist, married Emma, daughter of John F. Reiman, has one child Orpha. William L., born January 25, 1873, married Daisy Spangler, died in 1901. Newton, born November 19, 1875, farmer on Bedford Pike, near Brotherton, married Jennie Hoffman, has three children, Frederick, Leora and Nevin. Annie, born November 12, 1877, wife of Edward Schrock, has three children, Carrie, Marion and Alice. Carrie, born May 31, 1881, wife of Robert Will, had two children, Manford and Lillian. Mrs. Will died January 29, 1903, and her husband is also deceased. Bessie, born December 2, 1883, wife of William Ling, miner at Liste, has one child, Marie. Daisy, born August 24, 1888, lives at Liste. The mother of these children died September, 1892. Mr. Mostoller married for his second wife, Alice, widow of Ezra Baer, and of this union were born the following children: Merle, born November 2, 1895; Cloyd E., born May 17, 1898; and Alverna, born November 16, 1904. Mrs. Mostoller is a daughter of Levi and Mary (Zigler) Walker, was born July 22, 1863, and educated in the Wills public school. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Walker were: Charles, Samuel, Wilson, Sadie, deceased, Jennie, wife of Charles Keifer, and Kate, wife of Millard Walker.

WILSON CHRISTNER.

Wilson Christner, the popular and efficient conductor on the "Berlin Branch," was born near Garrett, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1873. His parents were Zachariah and Magdalene (Hoover) Christner. His grandfather Christopher Christner, was a native of Germany, who on emigrating to the United States settled in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where both he and his wife died at advanced ages. He was a farmer by occupation. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, and in politics was a Democrat. His children were: Zachariah, John, Caroline (Mrs. Christner), and Susan (Mrs. Hoover).

Zachariah Christner, eldest child of Christopher Christner, was for many years a farmer in Summit township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and is now living a retired life in

Canton, Ohio. He and his wife are both members of the Lutheran church. He was a Democrat in politics, and earnest in the maintenance of his views. He married Magdelena Hoover, and to them were born the following children: Austin, resides on the homestead farm; Washington, a conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio railway, resides in Garrett; Theodore, a conductor on the same road, and lives in Cumberland, Maryland; Carrie, lives with her parents in Canton, Ohio; Missouri (Mrs. George Judy), of Pennsylvania Furnace, Cambria county; Jennie (Mrs. Nathan Burkett), of Cumberland, Maryland; Wilson.

Wilson Christner, of the family last named, was five years old when his parents removed to Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and he received his education in the common schools of that town. He gave himself to a life of industry from his very youth, and worked in and about the mines and factories until he was eighteen years old, when he entered the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in the capacity of brakeman. He so proved his efficiency and fidelity that after four years' service he was advanced to the position of freight train conductor. He rendered efficient service as such for a period of eight years, when he was promoted to the place which he has uninterruptedly held to the present time, that of passenger conductor on the Buffalo Valley Railroad, a part of the Baltimore & Ohio system, enjoying the entire confidence of his superiors, and the esteem of the traveling public. He adheres to the religious faith of his ancestors, and is a member of the Berlin Lutheran church. In politics he is a Democrat of the most stalwart type. He is affiliated with various fraternal and beneficial orders: Connellsville Lodge, No. 503, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Berlin Lodge, No. 503, Knights of Pythias; Connellsville Lodge, Order of Railway Conductors; and Berlin Lodge, Modern Woodmen. He is a great admirer of athletics, and his tastes cover the entire range of athletic sports. He is manager of the Berlin Base Ball team who were the champions of the Somerset County League in 1905. He is a lover of a good horse, and delights in speed contests between well trained and high bred animals. He is ardently fond of travel, and has visited every part of the United States, and journeyed into Mexico. In the autumn of 1905 he made a tour of Europe, spending some time in France and Germany, and also visiting England, Scotland and Ireland. While greatly enjoying the scenery of these distant lands, and deeply interested in the manners and customs of their peoples, he returned with a higher respect and love for his own country.

Mr. Christner married Elizabeth Walter, a daughter of

Samuel and Rosanna (Judy) Walter, of Garrett, Pennsylvania. Of this marriage were born four children: Clinton, Blanche, Lelon and Leona. The family residence is in Berlin.

DANIEL YOUNKIN.

Daniel Younkin, a representative citizen of Rockwood, was born April 1, 1857, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. His parents were John M. and Laura (Miner) Younkin, whose children were: Mary, Catherine, deceased; William S., Jacob, Millie, Charles, Josiah, Daniel, Josephine, and David, deceased. John M. Younkin (father) was born in Lower Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was a farmer by occupation, and his remains were interred at Kingwood, Somerset county. His ancestors were natives of Germany.

At the age of fourteen years, after completing a common school education, Daniel Younkin secured employment with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and continued the same for a period of two years. He then removed to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, where for fourteen years he was engaged in making boats, and then returned to Somerset county, locating in Rockwood. The first year he worked for a Mr. Wolf, and since then has been employed as laborer on the tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. He is a Republican in politics.

In 1878 Mr. Younkin married Elmira Zimmerman, born in New Salem, Ohio, December 19, 1853, and their children are as follows: Catherine, deceased; Gertrude married John Weaver; Mary E., deceased; John W. E., Malzena, Lulu Malinda, deceased; Georgia M. Mrs. Younkin is a daughter of William and Mary (Yates) Zimmerman, whose children were: John E., Amanda, Elmira (Mrs. Daniel Younkin), Jennie, Emma, Anna, Catherine, Barbara, Sadie, William, deceased; and Mary E., deceased. William Zimmerman, a descendant of a German ancestry, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and throughout his active career gave his time and attention to farming. Mr. Younkin and his family are highly respected in the community in which they reside.

CHARLES H. WALTER.

Charles H. Walter, a telegraph operator at Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a native of the county in which he now resides, born December 9, 1874, in Meyersdale. His parents—Cyrus S. and Clara (Boyer) Walter—were born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, 1848, and December 2, 1848, respectively. The former named was a farmer by occupation, and the latter was a daughter of Samuel Walters and Dinah Boyer.

Their family consisted of four children: Winfield, Charles H., Franklin W., and Mary, deceased.

Charles H. Walter attended the common schools of Meyersdale until he attained the age of fourteen, after which he learned the art of telegraphy. When fifteen years old he was competent to assume charge of the office for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, continuing there until 1897. In the meantime he had pursued a course in shorthand by mail, and in the latter named year completed the same in the two weeks school. He then removed to Pittsburg and accepted the position of stenographer at the Pittsburg Junction railroad, his duty being to take notes from the train master, and this he followed for one year. He then took an agency of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Keystone Junction, and followed the same until 1893, after which he returned to Meyersdale and engaged in the baking business. After conducting the same for a period of two years he sold out and returned to Pittsburg, where he was employed as stenographer for six months, and then changed his place of residence to Rockwood, where he has since been employed as telegraph operator. As a citizen Mr. Walter is public-spirited and progressive, aiding to the best of his ability all measures that tend toward the growth and prosperity of his state and country.

On May 23, 1900, Mr. Walter married Minnie E. Griffith, born June 16, 1878, in Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles S. and Anna (Fike) Griffith, and granddaughter of Daniel and Susan (Supler) Griffith, whose ancestors were natives of Wales. Charles S. Griffith was born in Somerset county, 1840, died in 1894; he was a blacksmith by trade, and was also a dealer in wagons and all kinds of vehicles. His wife, Anna (Fike) Griffith, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, 1834. Mr. Walter is a descendant of a German ancestry.

ISAAC G. JONES.

The ancestors of Isaac G. Jones, of Somerset, were among those Welsh immigrants who have done so much toward building up certain regions of Pennsylvania. Isaac Jones came from Wales in 1825 and settled in Schuylkill county, afterward moving to Lancaster Gap. His wife was Belsie Thomas, and they were the parents of a son, Isaac G., of whom later. While Mr. Jones was working at Lancaster Gap the first engine made its first trip in Pennsylvania, running from Philadelphia to the end of the railroad, which was at Lancaster Gap. It was a single cylinder engine and at every stopping-place was set in motion by two crowbars.

Isaac G. Jones, son of Isaac and Belsie (Thomas) Jones, was born July 4, 1832, in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, attending the common schools until he reached the age of ten years. He then became a driver on the Pennsylvania canal between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, his father having been one of the workmen employed in the construction of the canal. He next went to Johnstown, where he learned the trade of a plasterer and mason, which he followed for a time in New York and then spent three years in whale fishing.

Mr. Jones has travelled extensively, having been around the world, crossed the equator four times and made an arctic voyage, On one occasion he went around the Horn and for twenty days was employed day and night in pumping in order to keep the ship afloat. On his arrival at New Bedford he embarked for Liverpool, England, whence he returned to the United States on the Australian Black Star line, and then shipped on the "Elinor," of New York, to Hole Pine Wood, for the Old Colony railroad. He visited all the places of interest in Boston, and then returned to New York, whence he shipped on the "Target" to Brook Haven, New Orleans and Charleston, and in 1856 returned home. He visited in the course of his wanderings all the southern states and saw slavery in many of its worst aspects.

In 1861 he enlisted for three months in Company H, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Captain Eastley commanding. After serving his term he was discharged and for some time worked at his trade. He then re-enlisted for nine months in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and at the expiration of his term of service received, as before, an honorable discharge. During his experience as a soldier he participated in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. In the last-named engagement he was wounded, May 3, 1863. He is a member of the G. A. R.

Mr. Jones married, March 3, 1867, Catharine, born August 13, 1841, in Somerset county, daughter of George and Liddie L. (Long) Trent, and their children were: George, Anna, wife of James Holderbaum; Edward P., Brinker R., Mary F., and Bertha A. Mrs. Jones died January 26, 1889, and on March 2, 1891, Mr. Jones married Ella, born August 4, 1864, daughter of Chauncey and Catharine Lowery. The issue of this marriage was one son, Ira Clyde. The lad's mother died February 10, 1903, and since then Mr. Jones' youngest daughter has kept house for her father.

JEREMIAH BERKEY.

The ancestors of Jeremiah Berkey, of Stoystown, were among the first settlers of Somerset county. The first generation came from Germany, probably before the revolution. Jacob

Berkey, grandfather of Jeremiah Berkey, was born in 1792, in Conemaugh township, where he led the life of a farmer.

The Berkey homestead is a tract which was originally designated as "the Vineyard" in the deeds and transfers dating back as far as 1780. The order for the application of survey found in the purchase application book in the surveyor-general's office in the state of Pennsylvania, was entered April 7, 1769, and the land was surveyed in September, 1776, for Thomas Mitchell. The original tract included two hundred and eighty-four acres, ninety-two perches.

On March 20, 1780, Thomas Mitchell conveyed the land by deed to John Vanderen, of Philadelphia, who, unable to pay his indebtedness, conveyed the property, March 7, 1782, to John Hazelwood, Edmund Milne, Samuel Garrigues and Josiah Hawes, as assignees. The next transfer was made June 28, 1805, to Edmund Milne, a merchant of Philadelphia, for the sum of "one dollar in silver money of the State of Pennsylvania, and for other good and valuable considerations."

A deed dated August 1, 1805, shows that "the Vineyard" was sold at public sale to John Clarkson, of Philadelphia, and on the following day was repurchased by Edmund Milne. The farm, at this period, was described as in Quemahoning township, Bedford county.

Ten years later, March 16, 1815, Edmund Milne conveyed the tract to General Alexander Ogle, of Somerset county, who, on April 26, 1822, sold it to Frederick Smith, Joseph Smith and Frederick Smith, junior. The joint owners, being unable to meet their obligations, the farm was sold, June 6, 1827, by George Meese, high sheriff of Somerset county, to Charles Ogle, an attorney, and son of General Ogle, the previous owner.

Jacob Lohr, of Quemahoning township, purchased the farm from Charles Ogle March 31, 1829, and on April 2, 1832, sold it to William Sadoris and Jacob Berkey, the latter mentioned above, grandfather of Jeremiah Berkey. Jacob Berkey purchased his partner's interest and in his last will and testament, made August 31, 1837, gave the farm to his son, William Berkey. The last transfer was made April 2, 1880, when William Berkey sold the farm to his son, Jeremiah Berkey, who is its present owner.

Jacob Berkey married Elizabeth Sadoris, who bore him the following children: Daniel, William, of whom later; Jonathan, deceased; Jacob S., Oliver, deceased; Henry S., Susan, Mary, and Louisa. Daniel, William, Oliver and Henry S. served in the civil war, Oliver dying in the service. Oliver, who served two terms of enlistment, was taken prisoner and for two months was confined in Libby prison. Jacob Berkey, the father, died in 1872, in Quemahoning township.

William Berkey, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sadoris) Berkey, was born August 4, 1823, in Conemaugh township, and in 1883 took up his abode in Stoystown. He is a Republican in politics. He married Caroline, born in 1827, in Quemahoning township, daughter of Jacob Maurer, and their children were: Albert, Herman W., Jeremiah, of whom later; Jacob M., Catharine E., Amanda, Minerva, Adella C., Mary E., deceased; Noah, Bertha, Anna, and William.

Jeremiah Berkey, son of William and Caroline (Maurer) Berkey, was born December 6, 1852, on the Berkey homestead, and received his education in the common schools of Quemahoning township. After leaving school he spent a short time in teaching, and then turned his attention to farming, a calling which he has followed continuously ever since, cultivating the homestead acres, of which he has been the owner for more than a quarter of a century. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Berkey married, April 11, 1878, Anna C., born April 8, 1856, in Berlin, daughter of John Fisher, a native of Germany, and they were the parents of three children: Harvey G., born March 11, 1880; William A., August 10, 1882; and Carrie G., May 30, 1886. The mother of these children died January 1, 1888, and in 1892 Mr. Berkey married Mary E. (Bowman), widow of Harvey Engle, and daughter of Jacob and Mary A. (Weimer) Bowman, the former a carpenter of Elk Lick. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were the parents of three children: Mandfield Ross, Jessie B., and Mary E., wife of Jeremiah Berkey. Mr. Bowman died in 1903. By her first marriage Mrs. Berkey was the mother of one son, Harvey Clifford Engle, who lives with his mother and step-father on the Berkey homestead. Mr. Berkey's second son, William A. Berkey, graduated in 1902 from the Indiana State Normal School, afterward taught in the public schools of Johnstown and Indiana county and is now a student at Gettysburg College.

C. S. ICKES.

C. S. Ickes, of Boswell, Pennsylvania, was born April 26, 1865, in Pleasantville, Bedford county, a son of John W. Ickes, who was born in 1829, in Bedford township, and a grandson of George and Susan (Slick) Ickes, the former a farmer of Bedford county.

John W. Ickes, like his father, was a farmer. Politically he was a Republican. He married Susan Alstadt, born in 1832, in Pleasantville, and the following were their children: Rebecca, Henry, Emma, Anna, Chauncey S. and George.

Chauncey S. Ickes, son of John W. and Susan (Alstadt) Ickes, received his education in the common schools of Bedford county, which he attended until the age of sixteen, and then for ten terms was engaged in teaching in the schools of his native county. Subsequently he was employed for two years in the wire mill at Johnstown and then went to Eltonburg, where he again became a teacher. He was also for a time a partner in a blacksmith's shop and finally obtained a position as manager of the Telephone Company of Scalp Level, where he remained four years. In January, 1902, he moved to Boswell in order to assume the management of the Boswell Hardware Company, in which he holds an interest. While a resident of Scalp Level he was elected justice of the peace and burgess of Paint township, and since taking up his abode in Boswell has served two years as justice of the peace in addition to being at the present time burgess of the borough.

Mr. Ickes married, in 1891, Rose E., born April 15, 1863, in Johnstown, daughter of George and Agnes (Straub) Eichenschr, and their children were: Comfrey, Anson J., deceased; and Virgie.

CHARLES P. HOLDERBAUM.

Among the Somerset county families of German origin must be numbered that represented by Charles P. Holderbaum, of Somerset. The founder emigrated from the Fatherland at least a century ago and his lineal descendant, Martin Holderbaum, married Susan Anawalt. Martin Holderbaum was a native of Bedford county, whence he moved to Somerset county, where his branch of the family has since been resident.

John Holderbaum, son of Martin and Susan (Anawalt) Holderbaum, was born in Somerset and was engaged in mercantile business. He married Julia Imhoff, and they were the parents of four sons: James B., Henry, George, and Charles P., of whom later. The death of Mr. Holderbaum occurred November 2, 1904.

Charles P. Holderbaum, son of John and Julia (Imhoff) Holderbaum, was born March 15, 1850, in Somerset county, where he received his education in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he left school and became his father's assistant in business, filling this position until 1871, in which year he attained his majority. He and his brother George then succeeded their father in the charge of the business which they conducted until 1872, when the stock was largely destroyed by fire, although the building escaped. They were very successful until 1876, when they again suffered from fire, the building as well as the stock being then destroyed, in consequence of which the firm dissolved and the business was discontinued. Mr. Holderbaum became again for a time the assistant of his father and then went west for three years. On his return he went into business with his father and his two older brothers, James B. and Henry, the firm remaining unchanged until 1884, when James B. went into the hardware business. In 1886 Mr. Holderbaum withdrew and engaged in the revenue business, abandoning it at the end of four years in order to take the position of travelling salesman, which he held for another four years. He then returned to his place in his father's store, and after the death of the latter continued the business which he still conducts. He has thus far been a life-long Democrat.

Mr. Holderbaum married, June 23, 1889, Sara A., born March 7, 1866, in Wellersburg, daughter of Henry and Anna (Hayman) Moser.

GEORGE A. PILE.

George A. Pile, of Boswell, was born October 21, 1839, in Jenner township, and is a son of Abraham Pile, who passed his life as a farmer in his native county of Somerset. He was a Republican in politics. Abraham Pile married Mary Friedline, and their children were: John, deceased; Lewis, deceased; and George A., of whom later.

George A. Pile, son of Abraham and Mary (Friedline) Pile, received his education in the schools of his native county, and on September 3, 1861, enlisted for a term of three years in Company C, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and after serving his time re-enlisted, in 1864, in Company H, of the same regiment, then known as the Fifty-fourth. He served until the close of the war, being honorably discharged June 5, 1865. After his return home he was, until 1892, engaged in farming in Jenner township, and was then for one year the proprietor of a hotel at Jenner. At the end of that time he again became a farmer, remaining so until 1902, when he built a hotel in Boswell to which he gave the name of the Central Hotel and of which he became the proprietor. In November, 1905, he sold his hotel and retired from active business. He has filled the offices of councilman and street commissioner and has also served as assessor and judge of election. He is a member of the G. A. R. He has been a life-long Republican.

Mr. Pile married, December 28, 1865, Phoebe J., daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Hay) Coleman, and their children are: Harry, Emma, Philip, Edgar, Maggie, Lizzie, Mary and Myrtle.

HOWARD L. McVICKER.

Howard L. McVicker, of Boswell, was born April 22, 1883, in Stoystown, and is a son of W. A. McVicker, and a grandson of James McVicker, who was of Scotch-Irish descent and was born on Dry Ridge, Bedford county. From 1831 to 1843 he was engaged in farming at Statler's mill, near Schellsburg, whence he came to Somerset county, where he was twice elected justice of the peace. In 1859 he returned to Bedford county. He was twice married and was the father of nine children.

W. A. McVicker, son of James McVicker, was born in 1857, and for four years followed the tinner's trade in Claysburg, Blair county. In 1880 he moved to Stoystown and established himself in the hardware business, which he conducted for twenty-four years, thence moving to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to engage in business of the like nature. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and is a Republican in politics. Mr. McVicker married Lizia A., born in 1867, daughter of John I. Hoover, of Claysburg, Blair county, and the following children were born to them: Howard L., of whom later; Ada P., Martha L., and Kenneth W.

Howard L. McVicker received his education in the common schools of Stoystown, and afterward took a business course at Iron City College, of Pittsburg. His first employment was in connection with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and then as assistant cashier at Stoystown, a position which he retained two years. At the end of that time he became cashier of the First National Bank of Boswell, in which position he is still serving. He is a tinner by trade, member of the I. O. O. F. and Masons, Lodge No. 358, Somerset, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican in politics.

ISAAC FRIEDLINE.

Isaac Friedline, of Boswell, was born June 14, 1855, and is a son of Aaron Friedline, whose ancestors emigrated from Germany. Aaron Friedline was born in 1821, in Somerset county, and was a farmer and a Republican. He married Catharine Pile, and thirteen children were born to them.

Isaac Friedline, son of Aaron and Catharine (Pile) Friedline, was educated in the common schools of his native county, and for twenty-one years followed the blacksmith's trade. In 1894 he established the furniture and undertaking business, in which he has since been engaged, and is doing a thriving business. Mr. Friedline is a Republican. He married Lizzie, born February 14, 1855, daughter of John and Jane (Cowen) Sachs, and they had children: Elson, deceased; Simon, deceased; Minnie, deceased; Marion, and Edgar.

CORNELIUS F. ENOCH.

Cornelius F. Enoch, of Boswell, was born December 25, 1882, and is a representative of an old family of Washington county, Pennsylvania, his great-grandfather having been one of those engaged in the famous whiskey rebellion. Mr. Enoch's grandfather, Herom D. Enoch, was born in 1830, in Washington, Pennsylvania, and is a physician and surgeon. Mr. Enoch's father, S. F. Enoch, married Martha J. Fleming, and three children have been born to them: Cornelius F., of whom later; Sarah, and Martha.

Cornelius F. Enoch, son of S. F. and Martha J. (Fleming) Enoch, was born in Burgettstown, Washington county, where he received his education in the common schools. After completing his course of study he obtained a position as clerk in a store, which he retained for two years. October 17, 1902, he went to Boswell as general agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and is still serving in that capacity. Mr. Enoch married, November 5, 1904, Mary K., born January 1, 1883, in Uniontown, daughter of Thoman F. and Margaret (Duhlin) Higgins, and they have one child, Martha, born August 24, 1905.

FRANKLIN MILLER.

Franklin Miller, of Stoystown, was born March 15, 1855, in Quemahoning township, and is a descendant of Joseph Miller, who was of German lineage and came from Reading, Pennsylvania, to Somerset county. He settled in Stony Creek township, near Coleman's Station, where he purchased a large tract of land which he improved, and on which he resided until his death. He married and was the father of a numerous family. His remains were interred in the Miller burying-ground, one mile north of Coleman's Station, on the Berlin road.

Joseph Miller, Jr., eldest child of Joseph Miller, Sr., was born in 1784, in Reading, Pennsylvania, and was reared to the life of a farmer. At the age of twenty-three he moved to Quemahoning township and settled upon a tract of three hundred and twenty acres of land adjacent to Higgins' creek, a branch of Stony creek, now known as Beaver Dam creek. The patent for this land was issued in 1784 by the executive council of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to John Paul, a member of the Society of Friends, from whom Mr. Miller made his purchase. The enterprise was successful, enabling Mr. Miller to bequeath a farm to each of his sons. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Miller married Mary, daughter of Henry Shaffer, and their children were: Samuel J., of whom later; Jacob J., Valentine J., Elizabeth, Susanna, Rosanna, Noah J., Nancy, Mary, and Sarah. Mr. Miller's death occurred in 1860.

Samuel J. Miller, son of Joseph and Mary (Shaffer) Miller, was born July 27, 1806, in Quemahoning township, and there passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. Miller married Elizabeth Mowry, born October 11, 1811, in Brothers Valley township, and the following were their children: Josiah, born in 1835, served in the Union army during the civil war; Noah S., born in 1837, held a captain's commission and was wounded in the service; Gideon, born in 1839, was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Peter, born in 1841; Samuel S., born in 1843, also served in the civil war; Nancy, born in 1845; Adam, born in 1847; Jacob S., born in 1849; Jeremiah S., born in 1851; David, born in 1853; Franklin, of whom later; Lemon, born in 1857; Benjamin S., born in 1860.

Franklin Miller, son of Samuel J. and Elizabeth (Mowry) Miller, obtained his education in the common schools of Somerset county, which he attended until the age of seventeen, and then for one winter was engaged in teaching. The following autumn he entered the normal school. After completing his education he began farming, a calling to which he has since devoted the greater part of his time. He spent four years in Johnstown as foreman in a lumber yard, and for the same length of time served as deputy and road manager. He has been a life-long Republican.

Mr. Miller married, September 24, 1882, Sadie A. Bowman, and they are the parents of two sons: Lavan M., born July 13, 1888; and Samuel G., March 28, 1896. Mrs. Miller is a daughter of Noah Bowman, a native of Jenner township, who enlisted during the Civil war, and a few years after his return home died from the effects of disease contracted while in the service. Politically he was a Republican. Mr. Bowman married Mary Cover, and their family consisted of the following children: Lavan, Nancy C., and Sadie A., born April 10, 1864, in Jenner township, wife of Franklin Miller. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Bowman married Jonas Mamrer, a farmer and a Republican, becoming by this union the mother of one child, Michael C. Mamrer.

CHARLES F. ZIMMERMAN.

Charles F. Zimmerman, of Stoystown, was born April 29, 1854, in Berlin, and is a son of Peter Zimmerman, a native of Germany, who was brought to this country by his parents when a boy of ten years old. The family settled near Berlin, where Mr. Zimmerman, on reaching manhood, turned his attention to agriculture, and passed his life as a farmer. He married Sarah, born in Berlin, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Zorn) Ream, and their children were: Samuel, Elizabeth, William, Mary, deceased; Peter, Joseph, deceased; Charles F., of whom later; and Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Walter Lane.

Charles F. Zimmerman, son of Peter and Sarah (Ream) Zimmerman, obtained his education in the common schools of Berlin, which he attended until the time arrived for him to learn a trade. Having selected that of a tinner, he served an apprenticeship thereto and afterward followed the trade for five years. After spending two years in business as a butcher, he decided to become a farmer, and has ever since given his undivided attention to agriculture. He is a Prohibitionist in politics.

In the fall of 1905 he was nominated by the Prohibition party for county commissioner, and also endorsed by the Fusionists, and was elected by over one thousand majority, and was qualified as county commissioner in the spring of 1906. He is a member of the Reformed church, holding membership ever since he was seventeen years of age. He has been assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and has served for several years as deacon and elder in his church. He is a member of the Knights of Maccabees.

Mr. Zimmerman married Eliza Coleman and their children are: Tillie, Myrtle, Frank, Samuel Hay, Marion, George, Herbert, and Jacob. Mrs. Zimmerman is a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Musser) Coleman, the former a native of Somerset county and a farmer. Their children are: Alexander, Eliza, born October 20, 1854, near Berlin, wife of Charles F. Zimmerman; Frank, Addie, and Alice.

SAMUEL BUCKMAN.

The late Samuel Buckman, of Rockwood, was born in Lehigh county. He was by occupation a contractor and bridge builder, erecting in various parts of the United States no fewer than one hundred and twenty-seven railroad and other bridges. After coming to Somerset county he built within its limits seven bridges. In 1880 he settled in Rockwood, and for two years thereafter was the proprietor of the old Eagle Hotel. In 1882 he built, at a cost of ten thousand dollars, the Merchants' Hotel, a structure which is one of the ornaments of the town.

Mr. Buckman married, in 1887, Mary Critchfield, widow of Daniel T. Myers, and two children were born to them: Lucy, and Samuel, deceased. The death of Mr. Buckman, which deprived the town and county of a useful citizen, occurred February 5, 1905. His widow, who resides in Rockwood, is now the proprietor of the Hotel Casselman in that town.

JACOB W. MENSER.

Jacob W. Menser, deceased, who was the proprietor of a hotel in Listie, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Somerset township, August 3, 1865, son of David and Mary Ann (Nedrow) Menser. He is of German descent, his great-grandfather having emigrated from Germany at a very early day. His grandfather, Jacob Menser, was a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and a carpenter by trade. His father, David Menser, was a native of Somerset township, born in 1831. He was by trade a weaver and cooper. His wife, Mary

Ann Nedrow, was born in Somerset county in 1830. Their children were: Margaret, Philip, Alexander, Jacob W., deceased, of whom later.

Jacob W. Menser received a common school education, and after leaving school was for six years employed about the mines. In 1900 he built a hotel in Listie, in the conduct of which he successfully engaged for the remainder of his life. He was a Republican in politics, and always evinced a lively interest in all community affairs.

Jacob W. Menser married Annie Custer, born October 31, 1867, in Quemahoning, Somerset county, daughter of James and Nancy (Kimmel) Custer. Her great-grandfather was born in Jenner township, and was a stonemason by trade. Her father, James Custer, was born April 12, 1841, in Quemahoning, was a farmer by occupation and a soldier in the Civil war, having served in the army two years and nine months. He married, December 25, 1864, Nancy Kimmel, a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Darr) Kimmel, and their children were: Isaac, Matilda, Nancy, John, Mary, deceased; Anna, deceased; and Amanda. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Menser became the parents of children, as follows: George Earl, born April 1, 1885, a school teacher by occupation; Henry A., June 11, 1886, has been for two years engaged in school teaching; Bertha May, September 30, 1888; Anna Viola, August 25, 1890; Alberta Bell, July 31, 1892; Margaret G., March 8, 1894; Mary Elizabeth, November 13, 1898; and Emilie Pearl, February 25, 1900. The death of Jacob W. Menser occurred on October 19, 1901. In his demise the community lost a useful member, and his family a kind and loving husband and father.

GEORGE A. NOON, M. D.

George A. Noon, a practicing physician of Listie, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born June 6, 1859, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, a son of Daniel and Susanna (Hoffman) Noon.

Dr. Noon is a descendant of John Noon, a native of Mannheim, Germany, who emigrated to this country. He was a farmer by occupation. He served in the great struggle for national independence for eight years under General Washington, and in his old age went to Johnstown, where he lived until his death, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of one hundred and ten years. He married, and among his children was a son, Adam.

Adam Noon (grandfather), was a minister in the United Brethren church. He married Mary Laner, and among the children born to them was Daniel.

Daniel Noon (father), was born at Johnstown in 1833. He was a farmer by occupation, and was a Republican in politics.

He married Susanna Hoffman, daughter of Jacob Hoffman, born in Somerset county. They had children as follows: George, of whom later; Milton A., Charles P., Emma, Almira, and Goldie.

George A. Noon received his early education in the common schools of Cambria county, and later entered into the study of medicine in the Georgia Eclectic Medical College at Atlanta, Georgia, receiving his degree February 26, 1890. He located in Stoystown, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and was engaged in the practice of his profession in that place for five years. He then removed to Listie, where he has since resided, and where he has built up for himself an extensive and lucrative practice. Politically he is a staunch Republican.

June 11, 1895, he married Marie E. Metzgar, born November 7, 1871, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Weller) Metzgar, the former a native of Somerset county, a farmer by occupation and a Republican in politics. Dr. and Mrs. Noon have two children: Russell Alleyne, born August 5, 1900, and Lillian Beatrice, April 24, 1901.

THE SECHLER FAMILY.

The Sechler family to which Edwin S. Sechler, of Somerset, belongs, descended as follows: The forefathers came to America from Germany, but the date is not known.

(I) John Sechler was born in one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania, and is buried at Lurel church in Black township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer. He married into the Hinebaugh family and was the father of four sons and four daughters, Jonathan, Henry, Andrew, Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah and one deceased.

(II) Jonathan Sechler, son of John Sechler (1), born in 1800, in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He followed farming, and died November, 1869. He was a member of the Reformed church and a staunch Republican. He married Elizabeth Dull, daughter of Peter Dull and wife, by whom were born: Harriet, married John Mason; Daniel, died when twenty-one years old; Juliana, married Joseph Siebert; Barbara, married George Kimmel; George; Elizabeth, married (first) Samuel Kuhlman and (second) Herman Kreager; Joseph. This family was all born in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

(III) George Sechler, son of Jonathan Sechler (2), received a common school education and when about twenty years of age offered his service to his country in defense of the Union cause. He was a member of Company "K," Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, serving until peace was declared. He took part in the Shenandoah campaign, but was more fortunate than many of his comrades, as he was never wounded and was only in the hospital a few days. He is now a member of R. P. Cummins Grand Army Post, No. 210, of which he has been both junior and senior vice-commander. By occupation Mr. Sechler has always been ranked among the farmers. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and in religious matters is a member of the Lutheran church.

He married (first), 1867, Minerva, daughter of John and Lizzie (Walter) Boucher. Mrs. Sechler died May 23, 1891. The issue by this union was: Charles G. born January, 1868; Edwin S., December 25, 1869; Whitelaw Reid, 1872; Allen U., Harry E., 1878; Sadie E., 1884. For his second wife Mr. Sechler in 1892 married Catharine (Knogey) Reese, widow of Samuel Reese. She died in child-birth, January, 1893, leaving a son, William, who died when two years of age.

(IV) Edwin S. Sechler, son of George and Minerva (Boucher) Sechler, was born in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1869, and was educated at the Somerset county common schools. He was reared to farm life, but with his brother, Allen U., in 1904, engaged in the livery business at Somerset, under the firm name of Sechler Brothers. He married, April 11, 1906, Anna M. Knupp, daughter of Eli and Harriet Knupp, of Somerset, Pennsylvania.

DAVID W. KOONTZ.

David W. Koontz, deceased, a well known and highly respected citizen of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was a native of Lonaconing, Maryland, born July 5, 1867. His father Salem Koontz, was also a native of Maryland, a farmer by occupation, and by his marriage to Margaret Harden the following named children were born: Anna, David W., Susan, Ellen and Birdie.

The common schools in the neighborhood of his home afforded David W. Koontz the opportunity of obtaining a good English education. Mr. Koontz, not unlike the majority of his relations, was never very robust and rugged, and the family possessing considerable means, he never ventured out into the labors known to strenuous lives, but as far as possible husbanded his strength. He removed from his native state to Somerset, Pennsylvania, in 1900, more especially for the better advantages which could be afforded his interesting family in both social and educational ways. He had great faith in Somerset and the good citizens, its schools and churches. It seemed to both himself and wife an ideal place in which to rear and educate their children. Accordingly the farm property, so valuable, well improved, and suitably located, just to the north of the borough, still occupied by his family, was purchased. Here Mr. Koontz took much delight and comfort in improving the place. He was also interested from the start in the affairs of the borough near by, where he expected to live many years. Every worthy enterprise received his hearty support. He made a long trip over the mountains, during which journey he contracted a severe cold, which was too much for his none too strong constitution, and as a result he became ill and finally passed earthly scenes while yet in the summer of his life. He died June 12, 1901, and was buried in the old family burying ground in Maryland, his native state. Mr. Koontz was politically a Republican, but never sought office, preferring a retired, quiet home life, seeming to live for the joys and comforts of his family, to which he was greatly attached.

He married, October 19, 1890, Mary E., daughter of Alexander and Mary E. (Loar) Davis, and granddaughter of James Davis, who was a native of England, and who was killed during the Civil war. Alexander Davis, father of Mrs. Koontz, was born in Vale Summit, Maryland, and is a staunch Republican. By his wife, above named, ten children were born, including Mrs. Koontz. Though advanced in years and always industrious, hard-working people, they still survive in the enjoyment of perfect health. To Mr. and Mrs. David W. Koontz were born three children: David, January 6, 1892, died May 8, 1892; Margaret E., May 29, 1893; Mary B., January 17, 1896.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Koontz has managed the farm and made many valuable improvements on the premises; she had a good residence erected in Somerset, costing over four thousand dollars. She also owns a valuable property in Maryland, her native state, including numerous residences. She also owns other farm lands than the homestead adjoining Somerset, where she now resides with her two daughters, who are being educated at the public schools of the borough.

FRANK H. SUFALL.

Frank H. Sufall, a furniture dealer and undertaker of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born in November, 1849, the son of Solomon and Jane C. (Gilbert) Sufall, who were the parents of the following children; Ethelinda C., Anna M., Lovetta J., George P. (deceased), Edgar G., Harry G., Frank H., of whom later.

Frank H. Sufall obtained his education in the common schools of his native county, and at the age of fifteen went to work at the pattern maker's trade. He also learned the buggy maker's trade, and worked at both for some time, and was engaged for fifteen years in the manufacture of farming mills. He subsequently embarked in the furniture and undertaking business. After five years in this line he formed a partnership with Harry A. Countryman, with whom he has been associated for the past four years. They are both thorough, capable business men and conduct an extensive and profitable business. Mr. Sufall holds membership in the Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 438, Somerset.

December 21, 1889, Mr. Sufall married Lizzie A. Sumpstine, born February 2, 1861, daughter of Jacob Sumpstine. Her father was a native of Somerset county, and met his death in the Civil war, being then quite young. Mrs. Sumpstine died at the home of Mrs. Sufall in 1905. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Sufall: Georgie F., a stenographer, married Princeton Wagner, and they reside at her home; Jennie W.; Elizabeth F. The death of Mrs. Sufall occurred February 10, 1905.

MILTON SHERMAN PECK.

Milton Sherman Peck, a representative citizen of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born in Addison township, July 1, 1865, a son of William and Mary (Weimer) Peck.

Jacob Peck (great-grandfather) was a farmer by occupation. John Peck (grandfather), son of Jacob Peck, was born in Somerset county. He followed the occupation of a farmer, and was a Republican in politics. He married Lizzie Maust. William Peck (father) was born in 1843 in Addison township, and he also follows agricultural pursuits for a livelihood. He is an enterprising, industrious farmer and a useful member of the community. His wife, Mary Weimer, was born in Milford township, Somerset county, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Reitz) Weimer. Samuel Weimer was a farmer all his active working life. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Christian and Emma (Barr) Reitz. Samuel and Mary Weimer had the following children: Ruth, William, Ralph, Alma and Mary. William and Mary (Weimer) Peck were the parents of children as follows: Harvey, deceased; Milton S., of whom later; Jonas; Albert; Charles.

Milton Sherman Peck acquired his English education in the common schools. Immediately after leaving the schoolroom he adopted the occupation of a farmer, in which he has since continued, and in which he has achieved the most gratifying success. He is Republican in his political affiliations. Milton S. Peck married, December 14, 1890, Anna Gnagey, born July 12, 1862, a daughter of Rev. Joel and Catherine (Fike) Gnagey. Her great-grandfather, Christian Gnagey, came to this country from Switzerland in 1733, settling in Brothers Valley, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Christian Gnagey, was born in Somerset county, was a Republican in politics, and followed agricultural pursuits. His wife was Barbara Plucker.

Rev. Joel Gregory, father of Mrs. Peck, was born February 9, 1836, in Somerset, Somerset county, and was a minister in the German Baptist church, also following farming quite extensively. His wife was Catherine Fike, the daughter of John and Mary (Miller) Fike, the former a native of Somerset county, and a farmer. Rev. Joel and Catherine (Fike) Gnagey were the parents of the following children: Amanda, Ellen B., Anna, Ida C., Eliza, William F., John E., Emma, Sadie E., Grace E. and Della M. Milton Sherman and Anna (Gnagey) Peck have children as follows: May, born December 8, 1891; Grace, July 6, 1894; and Ninia, July 19, 1894.

JACOB M. GLESSNER.

Jacob M. Glessner, of Shanksville, is a great-great-grandson of Jacob Glessner, the tragic circumstances of whose death so deeply stirred the people of Somerset county. His son, Joseph Glessner, Sr., was the father of Joseph Glessner, Jr. A complete record of the Glessner ancestry will be found on another page.

John M. Glessner, son of Joseph Glessner, Jr., was born November 21, 1832, and was a well educated man, teaching in the public schools up to the time of his marriage. After that event he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits in Stony Creek township. He served as supervisor and for many years held the office of justice of the peace. In early life he was a Democrat, but in 1856, when slavery became an issue, he joined the Republican party and adhered to it for the remainder of his days. He was an active worker in the Reformed church, which he served as deacon and elder until his death. He was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school of the Glade Reformed church.

John M. Glessner married, November 16, 1853, Polly Walker, born November 30, 1833, and their children were: Catharine, born December 18, 1854, widow of William H. Miller, living on the farm with her son Norman. William J., born April 11, 1856, farmer of Somerset township, married Sarah Stoy and has thirteen children. Sarah, born August 16, 1857, wife of J. C. Scott, farmer of Stony Creek township, has four children. Joseph, born November 30, 1859, farmer of Somerset township, married Susan K. Miller, and died in 1902, leaving two children. Ida, born May 31, 1862, widow of Michael J. Synder, manages her farm in Stony Creek township; she has five sons and her daughter is the teacher of Glade public school. Jacob M., of whom later. Mary, born January 24, 1867, widow of George E. Geisel, who was killed at a barn raising; Mrs. Geisel manages her farm near Glade church with the assistance of her son, Hiram J.; her daughter, Edith M., is a student at the State Normal school, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. Edmund, born April 29, 1869, died at the age of three years. Melissa, born July 6, 1871, wife of Irwin E. Brant, farmer of Stony Creek township, has five children. John, born April 12, 1874, died in infancy. Harry H., born May 3, 1875, educated in common and normal schools of the county, taught three years, graduated from State Normal school, Lock Haven, and Lafayette College. Took a course in University of California, where he is now an instructor. Married Mabel Mead, of California, and has one child. Mr. Glessner, the father of this numerous family, died August 10, 1893. His widow is still living, and makes her home with her son, Jacob M. She is a member of the Lutheran church, and is in good health and active at the age of seventy-two. This long continued vigor is an inheritance from her parents, Jacob J. and Catharine (Fritz) Walker, both of whom died at an advanced age. Mr. Walker was a lumberman and miller, a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church.

Jacob M. Glessner, son of John M. and Polly (Walker) Glessner, was born July 12, 1864, in Stony Creek township, where he received his education in the common schools. He has made farming the business of his life, and was his father's main assistant, never leaving him until separated by death. On his father's death he came into possession of the farm, which he had bought the year previous and which then contained three hundred acres, but which is now, in consequence of sales, reduced to one hundred and forty, nearly all of which are under cultivation. The land is especially well adapted to the raising of hay, which is baled and shipped to market in large quantities. Apples are the chief fruit products, and there is a sugar camp of three hundred vessels. The improvements are fine, and few farms can boast of better kept buildings. The place is well stocked with good horses and cattle. Mr. Glessner formerly did a large business in buying, feeding and selling cattle, but has practically retired from that branch of industry in order to give to his other interests all his time and energy. He was active in forming the Farmers' Union Telephone Company, in which he has served as director, vice-president and manager of the line, and in which he is now a trustee. He is a stockholder in the Philson National Bank of Berlin, and has filled many offices of trust, having acted as executor of his father's estate and administrator of that of his brother Joseph. He has also been guardian of the two children of his sister, Mrs. Snyder, and administrator of the estate of Jacob A. Stutzman. In addition to the home farm he owns a timber tract of one hundred and ten acres and has a one-half interest in five hundred and fifty-six acres of timber.

He has served as inspector, judge of election and township auditor. He affiliates with Shanksville Circle, No. 33, Knights of the Golden Eagle, having passed all chairs and holding the rank of past noble chief. Politically he is a Republican. He is a member of Glade Reformed church, in which he has served as deacon and also as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Glessner married, October 1, 1891, Maggie M. Stutzman, and they are the parents of three sons: William Earl, born April 22, 1893; Albert R., June 20, 1896; and Harry Lee, December 31, 1898. Mrs. Glessner is a daughter of Jacob A. and Mary Stutzman, the former a farmer of Stony Creek township, a Republican and a member of the Reformed church. He died in 1903 at the age of sixty, and his widow, who has attained that age, and is in good health, resides with her daughter. Mrs. Stutzman is the mother of ten children, all of whom are living. One of them, Maggie M., was born April 23, 1872, received her education in the township schools, and is the wife of Jacob M. Glessner. Mrs. Glessner is a member of the Reformed church.

EMIL D. DAUB.

Among the residents of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, who have achieved success in their active careers and made for themselves honorable records as successful business men, due to thrift, perseverance, natural shrewdness and far-seeing business sagacity, may be mentioned Emil D. Daub, who is now living retired, enjoying to the full the consciousness of a life well spent and of duties faithfully and conscientiously performed. He was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1856, a son of John and Emilie Daub.

Emil D. Daub obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of his native city, and this was supplemented by a course in the Iron City College, Pittsburg. He then turned his attention to business and entered the wholesale and retail grocery store in Pittsburg conducted by his father, remaining in his employ until 1880, in which year he and his brother, Theodore G. Daub, formed a partnership and conducted a business along the same lines under the firm name of John Daub's Sons. This connection continued up to 1900, a period of twenty years, during which time they built up an extensive and profitable trade, carrying a large stock of finely selected goods, the best the markets afforded, and giving to their numerous customers prompt and efficient service. Since the retirement of Emil D. Daub from the firm, the business has been conducted by Theodore G. Daub, who holds a high place in the business circles of Pittsburg. Emil D. Daub has taken an active interest in all enterprises projected for the advancement and welfare of the community in which he resides, and is held in high esteem by all who have the honor of his acquaintance. He is a Republican in politics, the principles of which party he believes to be for the best form of government.

JOSIAH W. PILE.

Josiah W. Pile, a farmer and influential citizen of Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born April 8, 1844, son of Joseph and Mary (Bartman) Pile, both of German descent, their great-grandfathers having been natives of Germany.

John Pile, the paternal grandfather of Josiah W. Pile, was born in Somerset county. He settled in Milford township, Somerset county, and was by occupation a farmer and distiller. His wife was Elizabeth Dull, and one of their children was a son, Joseph.

Joseph Pile, son of John Pile and father of Josiah W. Pile, was born in Somerset county, 1804. He was a farmer and stockdealer, and was an industrious, useful citizen. He married Mary Bartman, and their children were: Peter, resides in New Centerville, Pennsylvania; Moses, a farmer of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; Catherine, married Simon Vought, and resides in Somerset, Pennsylvania; George, a resident of Rockwood, Pennsylvania; Josiah W., of whom later; and Sarah Caroline. Joseph Pile and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. The death of Joseph occurred in 1877, and that of his wife about 1869.

Josiah W. Pile acquired his education in the public schools of Milford, and after leaving the schoolroom remained on the home farm for some time. In 1881 he removed to a farm where he resided until 1902, when he moved to Somerset. In 1864, at the time of the war of the rebellion, Mr. Pile enlisted in Company K, Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, Two Hundred and Fourth Regiment, his commanding officers being Captain Hunt and Colonel Gallup. Mr. Pile joined the army at Pittsburg, and went from there to Washington, D. C., where he remained two weeks. He was then transferred to duty in the Twenty-second Army Corps, under the Second Division commander. He participated in the engagements at Salem and Rectortown, Virginia, and was honorably discharged July 5, 1865. Upon his return to civil life Mr. Pile turned his attention to the care of his farm, which he brought to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He is a Republican in politics and has rendered his township valuable services as a town official. He served as auditor for three years, assessor three years, judge of elections one year, for a number of years as clerk of the township election board, and also on the Republican township committee. Fraternally he is a member of the G. A. R., William H. Weller Post, No. 549, at Rockwood, Pennsylvania. He and his family are members of the Christian church of Somerset.

June 26, 1873, Josiah W. Pile married Sadie Huston, a daughter of Chambers and Rebecca (Pritts) Huston, of Somerset. Her grandfather, Peter Huston, was a first lieutenant in the war of 1812, serving under General Harrison. He conducted the Huston House at Somerset, Pennsylvania. His wife was a Miss Richards, and among their children was a son, Chambers. Chambers and Rebecca (Pritts) Huston were the parents of thirteen children, viz.: John, Chauncey, Samuel, James, Anna, Ellen, Alexander, Sarah and Jane (twins), Mary, Alice, Edward and Elizabeth. Of these, John, Chauncey and Alexander served in the Civil war. Chauncey enlisted in Company A, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, commanded by Captain R. P. Cummings, and was wounded in the battle of City Crossroads. He re-enlisted in the Sixty-first Regiment and served until the cessation of hostilities. Alexander also enlisted, and served for four years. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Pile was engaged as a teacher in the public schools of Somerset county for eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Josiah W. Pile are the parents of two children, Annie, born 1876, and Elizabeth, born 1882. Annie was educated in the town schools and the county normal school, from which institution she was graduated, under the direction of Superintendent of Schools J. N. Berkley, when but seventeen years of age, and is now teaching in the home district. The younger daughter, Elizabeth, is still in school.

JOHN C. ANKENY.

John C. Ankeny, prosperous farmer of Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born at Marshalltown, Iowa, December 10, 1871.

His father was David E. Ankeny, born in 1836, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He learned the blacksmith trade in early life and completed with the training and speeding of horses. He followed it throughout life. About 1869 he removed to the sprightly inland city of Marshalltown, Marshall county, Iowa, where he worked at his trade until the summer of 1883, when he and his family visited his native state, and while at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, he was robbed and killed during the month of August. He married Delia Carpenter, daughter of John C. Carpenter and wife, by whom one child was born, John C., of whom later. Mrs. Ankeny married for her second husband, William Pettigrew, by whom she had three children: Archie, Inez and Lloyd, all of whom still reside in Nebraska. Mrs. Pettigrew died in September, 1902, at Salona, Nebraska.

John C. Ankeny's paternal grandfather was David C.

Ankeny, a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he farmed all his life. He died in 1886. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Samuel, Elijah, Noah, Alexander, Andrew, Joseph, David E., Lizzie, Mary (married William Lowry) and Susan (married a Mr. Sellers). The Ankeny family were descended from German ancestry many generations back.

John C. Ankeny, a "Hawkeye" by birth, attended the public schools of Marshalltown, Iowa, receiving a limited education. He came from Iowa with the family in 1883, and with the exception of a few trips west, to Iowa and Nebraska, in settlement of his father's estate, etc., he has resided in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, ever since, and has followed farming, with the exception of a short period, when he teamed. Politically he votes with the Republican party, and in church relations is a Lutheran. He married, at Oakland, Maryland, Lola Bruner, a daughter of Israel and Lovinia Bowman, of Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ankeny was one of four children born to her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ankeny have four children: Bessie I., born November 25, 1893; Inez, January 25, 1895; Irma, July 25, 1899; Loita, December 29, 1904.

GEORGE PARKS.

George Parks, an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1851, a son of Joseph and Rebecca (Cupp) Parks. Joseph Parks (father) is a native of Sheffield, England, born in 1814. He came to America in 1820 and settled in Johnstown. He became an engineer and ran the first engine out of Johnstown on Plane No. 1. The road was then controlled by the state. He was the first road foreman on the Pennsylvania railroad, and continued in that occupation until two years ago, when he was put upon the pension list. He married Rebecca Cupp, a daughter of Louis and Mary (Gorman) Cupp. Five children were born of this union, namely: George (of whom later), Mary, Rubella, Kate and Phoebe.

George Parks obtained his education in the common schools of Johnstown, and at the early age of thirteen left the schoolroom to enter the more practical school of life. He found employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and one year later was made fireman. After two and a half years of that occupation he was promoted to engineer, and has occupied that position ever since. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Parks married, August 5, 1873, Anna Colter, born January 20, 1859, daughter of D. W. and Anna (Tringle) Colter, and granddaughter of D. W. Tringle, who is postmaster of East Conemaugh. This family is of German origin. D. W. Colter (father) received his education in Willmore. He is a Republican in politics. He married Anna Tringle, daughter of Rev. Daniel Tringle, and their children were: Anna Colter (Mrs. Parks); W. P., a merchant on Franklin street, Johnstown; Thomas P.; D. P., a merchant, with place of business on Main street, Johnstown; Dorothy, wife of James Geterny, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad; Emma, widow of Henry Fite, who was a conductor of the Pennsylvania railroad and was killed on the road. Mr. and Mrs. George Parks are the parents of seven children, viz.: Gertrude, Blanch, Colter, William, Lillian, Ruby, Edward.

ALBERT R. MEYERS.

Albert R. Meyers, a carpenter of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born May 30, 1880, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, a son of Aaron and Susan (Snyder) Meyers, and grandson of Reuben Meyers, who was also a native of Turkeyfoot. He is of German descent. Aaron Meyers (father) was born April 29, 1855, and is a farmer by occupation. He married Susan Snyder, born March 20, 1850, and five children were born, viz.: Albert R. (of whom later), John F., David R., Anna C., Charles O.

Albert R. Meyers acquired his education in the common schools of his native place, and at the age of sixteen engaged in farming and lumbering. In 1900 he learned the trade of carpenter, in which occupation he is still very profitably engaged. He purchased his present pretty home in Rockwood, December 22, 1901. He married, December 22, 1901, Mary Ellen Romesburg, born September 4, 1881, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, a daughter of Hiram and Phoebe (Fletcher) Romesburg. Hiram Romesburg was born March 4, 1859, and is a farmer by occupation. He is the son of Jonas Romesburg, who was also a farmer of Upper Turkeyfoot, and of German descent. Hiram and Phoebe (Fletcher) Romesburg had children as follows: David M., Mary E., Harry J., Susan B., Elizabeth M., Cordie E., James N., Silas O., William H. and Charles F.

MICHAEL H. MILLER.

Michael H. Miller, a farmer of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born December 17, 1849, in Black township, Somerset county, the son of Jacob and Eliza (Lynt) Miller. Jacob Miller (father) was born in Somerset county, and was a farmer by occupation.

Michael H. Miller received his educational training in the common schools of Somerset county, and at the age of eighteen left school and engaged in farming with his father on the home farm. In 1881 he went into the jobbing business, and has followed that in connection with farming ever since. He owns a small farm of four acres, on which he has erected a home. In political affiliations he is a staunch Republican.

Mr. Miller married, March 17, 1876, Miss Samantha Grunawalt, born October 30, 1857, in Wellersburg, Somerset county, the daughter of Abraham and Meltonia (Wagner) Grunawalt, and one of seven children, namely: Samantha, Alford, Silas (deceased), Peter M., Mary E., William J. and Benjamin K. Abraham Grunawalt died in 1881. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller: Elmer W., January 21, 1877; Lucretia A., April 11, 1878; Ada V., January 9, 1880; Cyntha L., March 16, 1882; Leora M., January 31, 1884; Mary Emma, December 28, 1885; Edna J. A., October 17, 1888; Benjamin H. A., March 1, 1891; and Delroy C. E., July 7, 1893.

PERCY LESTER MOSTOLLE.

Percy L. Mostolle, one of the young, prominent business men of Friedens, was born October 30, 1880, and is a lineal descendant of George Mostolle, who settled at Friedens, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1776, being among the pioneers of that town, and an active and prominent factor in the growth and development of the same. George Mostolle was a farmer by occupation, his operations being conducted on a large scale, and an earnest Christian. He married Mary Mowery, who bore him several children.

Uriah Mostolle, father of Percy L. Mostolle, was born in Friedens, Somerset county, and his active career was devoted to farming and the building of houses, in both of which enterprises he met with a large degree of success. He enlisted as a private during the Civil war, this fact testifying to his love of country. He is a leader in the Evangelical Lutheran church, and since attaining his majority has cast his vote for the candidates of the Republican party. He was united in marriage to Ellen B. Lowery, born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, a daughter of Samuel and Susan (Mosholder) Lowery.

Percy L. Mostolle received a common school education in his native town, Friedens, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, after which he served an apprenticeship at the trade of painting, becoming a skillful and expert workman in all its various branches. Subsequently he became a contractor painter and enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest contractor in Somerset county. His first contract, which was for the painting of twenty buildings, was made in 1898, and from then up to the present time (1905) his business has increased steadily in volume and importance, and he now requires the services of ten workmen to fill his orders. He has received the contract for some of the most prominent buildings in Somerset county, and his work has always been performed in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner, each contract receiving his own personal supervision. In addition to this he is extensively engaged in the real estate business, which adds considerably to his income. Energy, enterprise and an indomitable will are the prominent traits of his character, and to these qualities may be attributed the success which has crowned his efforts. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Friedens, and a leader in the Christian Endeavor Society connected therewith. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political support is given to the candidates of the Republican party, in which he takes an active interest, although never seeking or holding public office. Mr. Mostolle, although young in years, is one of the enterprising and representative citizens of Friedens, and a bright future is in store for him.

JOHN ALTFATHER.

John Altfather, a retired agriculturist of Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born on a farm near Berlin, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1834, the son of Daniel and Maria (Johnson) Altfather. He is the grandson of Frederick Altfather, who was a native of Germany.

Daniel Altfather was born near Berlin in 1808, and was by occupation a farmer and miller. In political relations he was a Democrat, and in church connections a member of the Reformed church. He married, in 1830, Maria Johnson, of English descent, who was born in 1810 in Berlin, Pennsylvania, and still living, at the age of ninety-six years, and in fairly good health. When eighty years of age she met with an accident that interferes with her walking. Otherwise she is a wonderfully well preserved woman. The children born of this marriage are: John, of whom later; Henry D., a farmer of Ursina, Pennsylvania; William P., an electrician in Texas; Daniel, a farmer of Virginia; Susan, married William Dively, of Roxbury, Pennsylvania; and Margaret, married Albert Gressinger, of Berlin, Pennsylvania.

John Altfather, son of Daniel and Maria (Johnson) Altfather, was educated in the township schools, and assisted on the home farm until he was sixteen years of age. He then went to work in a flour and grist mill and learned the trade of miller. This occupation he followed in connection with farming until 1867, when he purchased his present farm, and to this he gave his entire attention until his retirement a few years ago. It is well situated and adapted to stock and grain raising. In political relations he has always been a Democrat, casting his first vote for James Buchanan in 1856. Although a loyal and patriotic citizen, and one who has always evinced a lively interest in the welfare of the community, Mr. Altfather has never aspired to the honors or emoluments of public office. He has been a member from his youth of the Reformed church, in which he has served as deacon and is now elder. He was a teacher for years in the Sabbath school of his church, and was a member of the building committee when the present brick church edifice was erected in Berlin in 1883. Although the victim of several accidents at the mill and on his farm, Mr. Altfather, at seventy-three years of age, is in good health, and on clear Sundays always occupies his seat in church. He is of an exceedingly genial nature, and has learned the art of growing old gracefully. He is universally respected and admired. He is a firm ''good roads'' advocate, bewailing the present inferior methods.

Mr. Altfather married, February 14, 1861, Catherine Hay, a daughter of Simon and Lydia Hay, a prominent family of Somerset county. The father, Simon Hay, died at the age of ninety-six years. Catherine (Hay) Altfather was educated in the common schools and resided at home until her marriage. Of this marriage the following named children were born: Annie, 1864, married, February, 1903, Frank L. Mead, an engineer, and they live at home with her parents; John C., 1867, was educated in the township schools, and is now engaged in agricultural pursuits; he married Elizabeth Levy, of Berlin, and they have one child, Lewis V.; Edgar T., 1869, lost his life by being caught in the belting of a flouring mill at Ursina, Pennsylvania, when but twenty-one years of age.

EMANUEL L. KNEPPER.

Emanuel L. Knepper, a farmer and stock dealer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Brothers Valley township, March 22, 1865, the son of Lewis J. and Magdalena (Meyers) Knepper.

John Knepper (great-grandfather) was born in 1765. He removed to Somerset county, locating in Brothers Valley township. He was a shoemaker by trade. He married Anna Maria Glessner, by whom children were born as follows: William, who served in the war of 1812; Jacob, John, Lewis, Peter, Jonathan, George, Simon, Henry, Benjamin, Elizabeth (Mrs. Hauger); Catherine (Mrs. Hay); and Polly (Mrs. Haas).

John Knepper (grandfather) was born in Somerset county in 1795. He was the first Abolitionist in Brothers Valley, and the only voter in the township who cast his ballot for the Free Soil candidates. He married Susan Stahl, and children were born as follows: Lewis J., Solomon, David, John, Peter, James, Sarah (Mrs. Coleman), Elizabeth (Mrs. Graham), Rebecca (Mrs. Cober), Polly (Mrs. Smith), and Susan (Mrs. Myers). John Knepper, father of the above named children, died in 1857.

Lewis J. Knepper (father) was born November 29, 1819, in Brothers Valley township. He was educated in the public schools of the township, in which he afterward taught for twenty-one years. Abandoning the profession of teaching, he turned his attention to farming, which occupation he followed for the remainder of his active working life. In politics he was a Republican, and during his life held many township offices. In early life he connected himself with the German Baptist church, and died in that faith. He held the office of deacon in his church for thirty-five years. He was interested in all branches of church and benevolent work, and assisted William G. Schrock to establish the first Sabbath school in the Brothers Valley congregation. Mr. Knepper was twice married: First to Magdalena Meyers, September 9, 1849, born January 24, 1824, a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Lichty) Meyers. Of this marriage children were born as follows: Mary A., deceased; Jacob M.; Solomon M.; William M., deceased; Elizabeth S., Ellen R., and Emanuel L. After the death of his first wife, which occurred in October, 1865, Mr. Knepper married Elizabeth Walker, and to them were born four children, Charles W. and Edward, both farmers of Brothers Valley, and Henry and Emma, who died in childhood. The death of Lewis J. Knepper occurred April 6, 1888.

Emanuel L. Knepper was educated in the public schools of the township and in the Berlin Normal school. He attended school and assisted with the farm work until he was sixteen years of age, when he commenced teaching school, and was so occupied for six years. At the age of twenty-three he married and commenced farming, on the farm which he bought in 1892. It comprises two hundred and sixty acres of land, on which is a sugar camp of 1,200 vessels, producing about 4,000 pounds of maple sugar annually. In 1895 he commenced the buying and shipping of cattle, which has since become his principal business. He is also an extensive feeder of live stock, using the entire grain and hay output of his farm in that way. This branch of his business has necessitated the building of a large barn, equipped with modern appliances, which has just been completed. Mr. Knepper uses all modern labor-saving devices in his farming operations.

In politics he is a staunch and loyal Republican, and has always evinced a lively interest in the advancement and progress of that party. He is a school director, and has held many township offices. He is a director of the First National Bank of Berlin and of the Farmers' Fire Insurance Company, Somerset county. He is a member of the German Baptist church and Sunday school, and has been deacon in the church for eight years.

He married, October 21, 1888, Emma S. Schrock, daughter of Rev. William G. Schrock (see Schrock sketch). Emma was born on her father's farm, November 3, 1865, and was educated in the public schools, Berlin Normal school and Juniata College, Juniata, Pennsylvania. Of this marriage one child has been born, Lewis Schrock, September 11, 1889. He is a manly lad, receiving his education in the public schools and normal school. The large interests of Mr. Knepper involves the employment of many men, which materially adds to Mrs. Knepper's duties as housewife, yet there is always room for one more at their hospitable board, and no stranger is ever turned away.

AARON BRANT.

Aaron Brant, a progressive, practical farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born near Berlin, April 23, 1842, a son of Henry and Sarah (Schrock) Brant, and grandson of Conrad Brant, who was a farmer of Brothers Valley township, and whose paternal great-grandfather came to this country from Amsterdam, Holland.

Henry Brant (father) was born in 1809, and was one of a family of twelve children. He was a farmer by occupation, and achieved good success in this line. In politics he was a Whig, but after the formation of the Republican party gave his support to that organization. He served his township in the offices of school director, supervisor and assessor. He married Sarah Schrock, a daughter of Conrad Henry and Barbara Schrock. He and his family were members of the Reformed church. He died in 1899, at the advanced age of ninety years.

Aaron Brant acquired his education in the common schools of the township, and since a boy has always given his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He is largely interested in improved stock raising, and the best of blooded Alderneys and Durhams are among his stock. In horses he also has fine breeds, one of them being a prize winner. His farm contains one hundred and seventy-four acres, with fine orchards and large outbuildings. He is a Republican in politics, and although deeply interested in the success of the party, has never aspired to holding office. He is a member of the Reformed church in Berlin.

Mr. Brant married, February 7, 1867, Amanda Shaulis, daughter of Emanuel and Julia Ann Shaulis, both of whom are members of the United Brethren church. Emanuel Shaulis was a farmer, and died May 28, 1904, aged eighty-four years. His widow is still living in her eighty-fifth year. Mr. and Mrs. Brant are the parents of twelve children, viz.: Sanford, born March 18, 1868, a farmer of the Valley; he married Cynthia Wilkins, and they have five children. Matronah, born March 20, 1869, learned the trade of dressmaker, and worked in Pittsburg and other places; married Simon P. Foust, a farmer of Brothers Valley, and they have two children. Carrie M., born December 14, 1870, died December 26, 1876. Ulysses G., born September 1, 1872, married Margaret Layman; he is in partnership with his father in the cultivation of the home farm. Samuel H., born December 25, 1873, married Edith Marger; he is a farmer and miner and lives in Brothers Valley. Elsie Grace, born November 25, 1875, married Joseph J. Picking, a liveryman of Somerset, and they have one child. Julia Ann, born November 24, 1877, married Samuel M. Coldenburg, and lives in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Margaret A., born August 6, 1879, lives at home. Oscar S., born November 29, 1880, married Tracey L. Layman. Sallie J., born October 15, 1882, married Jesse Aults; he is a bookkeeper employed by the Pennsylvania railroad in the union station at Pittsburg. Emanuel A., born November 6, 1884, died February 9, 1892. Gretta E., born June 15, 1886, lives at home.

These children were given an education in the public schools of the county, and they are all filling their several stations in life with credit to themselves and parents. Mr. Brant, now sixty-four years of age, retains the full vigor of manhood, and takes an active part in the labors of the large farm, while Mrs. Brant retains the management of the home.

ALEXANDER COLEMAN.

Alexander Coleman, a prosperous farmer near Althouse, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Brothers Valley township, May 27, 1851, a son of Jacob J. and Mary (Musser) Coleman.

John Coleman (grandfather) was born January 15, 1777, and was of German origin. He settled in Brothers Valley township, and followed the occupation of a farmer and blacksmith. He was a Whig in political proclivities, and served his township as justice of the peace. In church connections he was a Lutheran. He married, October 28, 1800, Elizabeth Maurer, and to them were born nine children, seven sons and two daughters, namely: William, Joseph, Samuel, Daniel, David, Maria, Philip, Jacob J., and Rachel. These children are now all deceased. John and Elizabeth Coleman died at an advanced age.

Jacob J. Coleman (father) was born February 3, 1817, son of John and Elizabeth (Maurer) Coleman. He was educated in the subscription schools of the period and always followed the occupation of a farmer. He was a Republican in politics, and held at various times the offices of school director and justice of the peace. In religious faith he was a member of the Lutheran church, in which he held the office of deacon. Mr. Coleman was twice married, first to Susannah Miller, who died December 23, 1847; and, secondly, November 5, 1848, to Mary Musser, born February 5, 1829, and lived on the adjoining farm. She was the daughter of Henry Musser. who was a farmer and blacksmith. Of this marriage the following named children were born: Sarah died in infancy; Alexander, of whom later; John, died in infancy; Eliza, born October 13, 1854, married C. F. Zimmerman, and lives in Stoystown, Pennsylvania; Henry F., born November 28, 1856, married Mary J. Kimmel, and they live on a farm in Brothers Valley township; Emma S., died in infancy; Ada E., born April 4, 1864, married J. M. Shober, died May 28, 1902; Alice J., born July 2, 1866, married Charles Baldwin and lives in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. The death of Jacob J. Coleman occurred in 1890, and that of his wife in 1892.

Alexander Coleman obtained his initial education in the common schools of this section, and later attended the normal school. He assisted his father with the farm work until he was twenty-two years of age, and for the four succeeding years was engaged in teaching in the Plank Road school, the same one that he had attended when a boy. Relinquishing this occupation, Mr. Coleman again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and engaged in farming on shares with his father-in-law. In 1882 he purchased his present farm, which comprises two hundred and sixteen acres, with large orchards of apple, cherry and pear trees. The farm is one of great value, being underlaid with the rich coal deposits of this section.

Politically Mr. Coleman accords allegiance to the Republican party, and is an earnest, active party worker. He has held the office of school director, and is now serving as justice of the peace. Mr. Coleman is treasurer and a director in the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company, of Somerset county, which office he has held for ten years. Fraternally he holds membership in the Valley Grange, No. 878, at Beachdale, of which he has been master for eight years and representative to the state Grange. For six years he has been a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, also the Maccabees, Buffalo Tent No. 367, Garrett, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Lutheran church of Berlin, with which he became connected when a young man.

Mr. Coleman married, December 2, 1877, Laura V. Shober, born April 3, 1858, a daughter of George W. and Leah B. (Berkley) Shober. George W. Shober was a farmer and died

June 15, 1897. Leah, his wife, is still living at the age of seventy-three, and is a remarkably active, well-preserved woman. Mrs. Coleman obtained her education in the county public schools. Of this union one child was born, Hilda L., February 22, 1879. She was educated in the common schools and married Joseph Stahl, April 17, 1901. Mr. Stahl is a carpenter by trade. One child, Centureena Mazelle, was born to them, January 11, 1902. Under Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Coleman's hospitable roof may be found four generations: Mrs. Shober (great-grandmother), Mr. and Mrs. Coleman (grandparents), Mr. and Mrs. Stahl (parents), and little Centureena Mazelle Stahl.

EDMUND K. SUDER.

Among the well known, practical and progressive agriculturists of Somerset county, whose industry, perseverance and thrift have been the means of bringing to them good returns for their labors, is Edmund K. Suder, a resident of Berlin. He was born in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1851.

John Suder, father of Edmund K. Suder, and son of Henry Suder, was born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1819. He was educated in the schools adjacent to his home, and followed the occupation of a farmer up to the time of his death, which occurred during the July harvest of 1889, while driving a reaper, from which he fell lifeless. He held many of the township offices, to which he was elected several terms, among them being that of collector, supervisor and school director; he also served as a director of the county poor farm. He was a member of the Reformed church, in which he served as deacon for many years, and during the last twenty-five years of his life efficiently filled the office of elder. He was active in all branches of church and religious work, and in all respects acted the part of an earnest Christian man. He was formerly a Whig and later a Republican in politics. In 1843 he married Sarah Hay, born in the year 1825, a daughter of Valentine Hay, who died when she was but seven years old. She received a common school education, and later became a member of the Reformed church. Mrs. Suder died in March, 1906. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Suder, as follows: Susan, wife of Henry Stuck, resides near Berlin, Pennsylvania; Matilda, died in childhood; Henry, died at the age of twenty-two years; William J., a farmer of the Valley; Edmund K., of whom later; Sarah, wife of Simon Hay, a farmer; Irvin H., a farmer of the Valley.

Edmund K. Suder was educated in the common and normal schools of Somerset county, and at the age of sixteen was qualified to follow the vocation of teacher, in which capacity he served for two years. He then apprenticed himself to a carpenter, but owing to the death of his employer, he only followed this for one year, after which he returned to his father's farm. One year after his marriage, at the age of twenty-three, he purchased and removed to his present farm, where he has since resided. The farm contains one hundred and seventy-seven acres of land, well stocked and thoroughly cultivated. He purchases a large number of horses, cows and hogs, which he fattens for the market, using the production of his farm for this purpose. There is a sugar camp of five hundred vessels on the farm, producing from ten hundred to fifteen hundred pounds annually, and in addition to this there is a good orchard of one hundred and twenty-five apple trees of various kinds.

In politics Mr. Suder is a Republican, and his first vote was cast for the late Ulysses S. Grant. He held the office of supervisor of Brothers Valley township four terms, and that of school director three terms. At the age of fourteen he joined the Reformed church at Berlin, and has since held membership in that body. For many years he held the office of deacon, and since 1890 has been a member of the board of elders. He is also superintendent of the Sunday school connected therewith, and was a member of the building committee at the erection of the new church edifice. Mr. Suder, while a man "diligent in business," is deeply interested in all religious and educational subjects.

Mr. Suder married, November 23, 1873, Emma Glessner, of Stony Creek, a daughter of Jacob and Dinah (Walker) Glessner, the former named being a farmer of Stony Creek. Emma (Glessner) Suder was born November 7, 1855, educated in the Stony Creek schools, and is a member of the Reformed church. The issue of this union was eleven children, as follows: Effie M., born September 3, 1874, wife of C. C. Glessner, a farmer of Stony Creek, and they are the parents of one child, Edison G. Glessner. Viola G., born August 14, 1877, died August 12, 1878. Cora B., born January 17, 1879, passed through the normal school and became a teacher in the public school; she was married, June 14, 1906, to Harvey Walker. John Wallace, born April 11, 1881, learned the trade of a painter; now in Carleton, Nebraska. Clara S., born November 12, 1882, wife of Harvey Weigel, of Stony Creek; they are the parents of three children: Merlie, Nevin and Nelvin E. Annie L., born April 12, 1885, wife of Bert Bowers, a telegraph operator of Somerset township; they have one child, Walter G. Jacob G., born October 4, 1886, assists his father with his farming operations. Sadie M., born October 23, 1888, is at present (1905) receiving a musical education. Norman H., born October 25, 1890, is now being educated for a teacher at the Berlin Normal school. Edmund K., Jr., born November 26, 1892; also expects to adopt the profession of teaching. Eugene S., born February 1, 1898, now attending the schools of Berlin.

LEWIS BERKLEY.

Lewis Berkley, born June 23, 1860, on the farm in Brothers Valley he now owns and resides upon, is a son of Joel L. and Elizabeth (Wingert) Berkley, and grandson of Ludwig and Sarah (Beachley) Berkley, who were the parents of the following named children: Joel L., of whom later; Lewis, a resident of Iowa; Eliza, wife of Ephraim Miller, they reside near Meyersdale, Pennsylvania; Mary, who resides in the west; Susanna, wife of William Ikenberry, they reside in Illinois. Ludwig Berkley was a farmer of Somerset county, a member of the German Baptist church, and a Whig in politics. He died when about forty years of age, and his wife survived him many years, passing away in 1892, aged eighty-five years.

Joel L. Berkley (father) was born upon his father's farm near Pine Hill, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1833. He followed farming as an occupation throughout the active years of his life. After his marriage, at the age of twenty-three, he purchased his father's farm, but after a short period of time disposed of it and purchased the farm in the Valley where his son Lewis now resides, which consists of two hundred and forty acres. Afterward he purchased the farm on which he now resides, of one hundred and fifteen acres. He has held the offices of supervisor and school director, rendering efficient service therein. He is a member of the German Baptist church, and since attaining his majority has been a Republican, casting his first vote for the candidates of 1856. On February 28, 1856, Mr. Berkley married Elizabeth Wingert, a daughter of George Wingert; a farmer of Brothers Valley. She is a member of the Reformed church.

Lewis Berkley was educated in the township schools, and then worked on the farm with his father until his marriage at the age of twenty-three. He then purchased the old home farm and has since resided thereon. The property consists of two hundred and forty acres, well cultivated and improved. There is a good orchard of apple trees, and a sugar camp of seven hundred vessels, producing in a good year three thousand pounds of maple sugar. The farm is well stocked with Belgian horses, Durham cows and Shropshire sheep. He also buys and feeds for market, using all the grain and hay which is produced on his farm in this way. In 1903 he demolished the old house and built a handsome, modern brick residence, consisting of ten rooms, finely equipped with heating apparatus (hot water), modern plumbing and everything needful for the comfort and ease of its occupants. The barn is very large, accommodating seventy-five head of stock and vast stores of hay and grain. He conducts a small dairy, and in the spring house there is a famous spring. He is a director of the First National Bank of Berlin, and for ten years has held a similar office in the Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset county, one of the flourishing and prosperous companies of the county. He now serves in the capacity of school director, in which office he has rendered valuable service. He is a member of Mt. Zion Reformed church, of which he is trustee, and also serves as president of the Sabbath school. He is a Republican and his first vote was cast for the late Ulysses S. Grant.

Mr. Berkley married, October 30, 1884, Sarah Hay, born February 6, 1858, educated in the common schools of the township, daughter of Philip Hay. Their children are as follows: Stuart, born July 16, 1885; was educated in the public schools and at the Berlin Normal school, and is now his father's assistant on the farm. Elizabeth, born February 3, 1886; was educated in the public and normal schools of Berlin, and at the Southwestern Normal school at California, Pennsylvania; she has taught school three terms; she resides at home. Grace, born November 27, 1888; also received a common and normal school education, and has received a teacher's certificate. Sherman, born November 20, 1890; is being educated in the public schools. As shown by the above statement, Mr. Berkley is a firm believer in the value and advantages of a good education, and he is well pleased to be able to give to his children better educational advantages than he enjoyed during his boyhood. The family is highly respected in the community, and enjoy the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends.

WILLIAM WESLEY HAUGER.

William Wesley Hauger, born on the homestead farm at Beachdale, September 23, 1856, is a son of Simon and Rosanna (Rausch) Hauger, and grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth (Knepper) Hauger, members of the Lutheran church, who died at an advanced age. Their family consisted of the following named children: George, Jonathan, Peter William, Simon, Polly, Hannah, Rebecca and Tracy.

Simon Hauger (father) was born in the year 1830 on the same farm as his son, and was reared, lived and died there. He was educated in the public schools, and followed farming as a means of livelihood all his lifetime. He served as school director of his township, and was among the representative citizens thereof. He was a member, deacon and elder of the Reformed church, serving in the latter capacities for many years.

He was a firm adherent of the principles of the Republican party. In 1853 he married Rosanna Rausch, born in Brothers Valley in 1834, daughter of John O. Rausch, and four sons and five daughters were the issue: Isabel, who became the wife of W. P. Spangler, resides near Somerset; William Wesley, of whom later; Mary, married G. W. Smith, resides in Brothers Valley; Silas M., married Rebecca Cowen, resides in Berlin; James S., married Lizzie Coleman, resides in Pine Hill; Caroline, married Elmer Rhoads, resides in Brothers Valley; Elizabeth, married Charles Engelka, resides in Brothers Valley; Bruce, married Alice Baughman, resides in Beachdale; Lillie, married J. M. Gumbert, resides in Pine Hill. Simon Hauger, the father of these children, died December 29, 1891. He was survived by his wife, who now makes her home with her son, Bruce Hauger.

William Wesley Hauger, or Wesley, as he is called, was educated in the public schools. He was early a helper on the farm, working for his father until his marriage at the age of twenty-two. He then located on the farm near Beachdale that he now owns and still resides upon. The farm contains two hundred and sixty-one acres, well stocked with horses, cows, hogs and sheep. He has also a sugar camp of five hundred vessels, producing fifteen hundred pounds of maple sugar annually. He has held the offices of supervisor, treasurer, and is now serving his third term as school director. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member and deacon of the Lutheran church at Pine Hill, and a member of the Patrons of Husbandry at Beachdale. He cast his first vote for the late James A. Garfield.

Mr. Hauger married, October 20, 1878, Priscilla K. Cober, of Berlin, Pennsylvania, born April 22, 1860, daughter of Aaron J. and Rebecca (Knepper) Cober. Two children were the issue of this union: Clayton, died in infancy; Emma M., born May 25, 1892, now attending the public school. Mrs. Hauger was educated in the common schools of Somerset county. She is a member of the Brethren church. Emma M. is a member of the Lutheran church.

HENRY H. HAUGER.

Henry H. Hauger, who resides on a well cultivated and therefore productive farm located about one and one-half miles from Beachdale, is a grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth (Knepper) Hauger, who were residents of Brothers Valley, followed farming as a means of livelihood, and there reared a large family of sons and daughters. They were active and consistent members of the Lutheran church, and passed away at a good old age.

William Hauger, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Knepper) Hauger, and father of Henry H. Hauger, was born near Beachdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1826. Being reared on a farm, he chose that occupation for his life work, and was very successful in the management of his estate. He was a member of St. Paul's Reformed church, in which he was a member of the boards of deacons and elders. He was a Republican in politics. He was united in marriage to Caroline Berkley, born June 20, 1824, and their children were as follows: Hannah M., who became the wife of Phineas Walker, and resides in Nebraska; Henry H., of whom later; George W., married Matilda Brant; Rebecca, deceased, was the wife of John Hoffman, also deceased; Catherine, who became the wife of Edward Baldwin, and resides in Brothers Valley; John, married Nora Marker, and resides in Garrett; Anna M., who became the wife of Albert Rhoads, resides in Brothers Valley; Mannus, deceased. The deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Hauger occurred June 28, 1899, and January 14, 1897, respectively.

Henry H. Hauger, eldest son of William and Caroline (Berkley) Hauger, was born on the paternal farm in Brothers Valley, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1851. He was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood, and remained on the farm with his father throughout his youth and early manhood, until his marriage at the age of twenty-two years, assisting with the various duties, and thereby gaining a thorough knowledge of agriculture in all its branches. In 1877 he purchased his present farm, which contains one hundred and fifty acres of arable land, well stocked with a fine grade of cattle. The farm is on the Ridge, about one and one-half miles from Beachdale, and is one of the finest in that locality. As a citizen Mr. Hauger is active and public spirited. His support is given to the candidates of the Republican party, the principles of which he firmly believes in. He holds membership in St. Paul's Reformed church, is a member of the board of deacons, and actively interested in the work of the Sabbath school connected therewith.

Mr. Hauger married, June 1, 1873, Sarah J. Cygler, born March 25, 1855, educated in the public schools, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Flickinger) Cygler, both of whom are deceased. The children of this marriage are as follows: Allen P., born March 24, 1875, married Jane Brant, farms in Brothers Valley; William J., born June 6, 1877, is a carpenter by trade, and resides in Somerset, Pennsylvania, he married Elsie Dietz; Reuben P., born November 6, 1879, a farmer, married Cora Nedrow, resides in Brothers Valley; Clinton S., born December 21, 1882, married Mary Wegley, he is a farmer and resides in Brothers Valley; Mary E., born October 1, 1885; Carrie I., born February 6, 1888; Hilton H., born April 6, 1891; Charles R., born February 6, 1893; Nellie G., born September 27, 1895; Edna L., born December 22, 1897. The six latter named reside with their parents. All the children received a public school education, which qualified them for their various walks in life, and the younger members of the family are still attending the same.

WILLIAM J. BRANT.

William J. Brant, a farmer near Beachdale, was born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1865, son of William and Amy (Stahl) Brant, and grandson of John and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Brant, whose family consisted of five children, all of whom are deceased but Francis, who married Mary Hauger, and resides on a farm near Beachdale. The names of the other children were as follows: Jesse, Conrad, John and William. John Brant (grandfather) was a farmer of Brothers Valley, a member of the Reformed church, a Republican, and his death occurred at an advanced age. His wife died at the age of forty years.

William Brant (father) was born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, April 10, 1832. He was educated in the common schools adjacent to his home, and later learned the trade of a blacksmith, which line of work he followed until he attained middle age, when he became a farmer. He was a soldier in the Union army, returned home from the war sick and died a week later, August 6, 1865. He was a member of St. Paul's congregation of the Reformed church. He was a Republican in politics. By his marriage to Amy Stahl, May 7, 1854, the following named children were born: James P., a farmer of Brothers Valley, married Catherine Queer, who bore him six children; Clarissa J., who became the wife of Frank E. Myers; Arminda B., who died in infancy; Albert E., a carpenter, who resides in Milford township, he married Ida Hauger, who bore him two children; Ida S., who became the wife of John L. Sevits, a farmer of Brothers Valley, and they are the parents of four children. Amy (Stahl) Brant was born December 26, 1834, a daughter of Peter and Rosanna (Hoover) Stahl. She was a member of the Lutheran church. On April 4, 1871, after being six years a widow, she became the wife of Samuel Bittner.

William J. Brant was educated in the public schools and worked on his stepfather's farm until his marriage, at the age of twenty-two. He then rented a farm for one year, and in 1890 purchased his present farm of about one hundred acres, where he has since resided. The farm is well stocked with Percheron horses, short-horn cattle and Berkshires. There is also an apple orchard and a sugar camp of two hundred and seventy vessels, producing in a good season one thousand pounds of maple sugar. He served three years as constable of his township, having been elected on the Republican ticket. He cast his first vote for the late Benjamin Harrison. He is a member of the St. Paul's Reformed Church and Sunday school, in the work of which he takes an active interest.

Mr. Brant married, February 9, 1888, Huldah G. Enfield, born February 1, 1864, daughter of Freeman and Naomi Enfield, of Milford township, and their children are: Lulu E., born November 11, 1888, was educated in the public and normal schools and received a certificate to teach; Laura A., born January 21, 1890; Charles R., born October 14, 1892; Dolly N., born April 1, 1894; Iva M., born January 6, 1897; Gladys E., born May 16, 1902, and Harold G., born November 24, 1905. Mrs. Brant, who is a member of the Brethren church, was one of nine children born to Freeman and Naomi Enfield. Freeman Enfield is a farmer, a Republican in politics, has held many of the different township offices, and is a member of the Brethren church.

U. MADISON BRANT.

U. Madison Brant, owner of one of the fertile and well cultivated farms in Berlin township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is descended from a family that settled in Pennsylvania very many years ago.

(I) John Brant, grandfather of U. Madison Brant, and the first of the family of whom we have any record, was a well-known farmer in Brothers Valley, a Republican and a member of the Reformed church. He married a Miss Baldwin, and they both died at an advanced age, he at the age of seventy-eight years. Among their children was a son, Francis, a sketch of whom follows.

(II) Francis Brant, son of John Brant (I) was born March 13, 1835, in Brothers Valley. He received a practical education in the common schools of the district. In politics he was a Republican, and a member and deacon of the German Baptist church. He married Mary Hauger, born May 19, 1836, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Beachley) Hauger, who was educated in the public schools of her native town. She is a member of the German Baptist church. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hauger, lived to an advanced age, he being a farmer and a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Brant live on their own farm, and also cultivate an adjoining one, on which one of their daughters is living. Following are the names of their children: John H., married Lydia Gnagey, and is a farmer in the Valley; U. Madison, of whom later; Edward, married Emma Cober, he is deceased; Minnie, married Henry I. Beachley, a merchant, and lives in Arkansas; Grace, married John H. Hentz, a farmer in Brothers Valley and assessor of the township; Amy, married Edward Beale and lives on her father's farm; Oliver, married Cora Rhoads, is a machinist, and also lives on the home farm.

(III) U. Madison Brant, second son and child of Francis (II) and Mary (Hauger) Brant, was born in Brothers Valley, August 4, 1860. He enjoyed the advantages of a good education in the schools of the township, and then assisted his father on the home farm. Here he remained until two years after his marriage, when, in 1885, he bought and removed to his present farm. The farm is one of the finest in the district, practical and progressive methods of cultivation having made it extraordinarily fertile. It consists of one hundred and eighty-one acres, and is well stocked with fine breeds of horses and cattle. There is also a sugar camp, with a production of two hundred gallons of maple syrup. The farm is underlaid with coal and the mines are operated by the Pennmarva Coal Company. Mr. Brant conducts the cultivation of his farms in a most masterly manner. He is ready to give a trial to any new invention that promises to save time and labor, considering that increased production will amply repay initial expenditure. He is energetic and forceful, and though deliberate in forming opinions, he is able to maintain them by sound arguments in their favor. In politics he is a Republican, and at present (1906) holds the office of school director. He is a member of the German Baptist church, and was a member of Beachdale Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Brant married, December 9, 1881, Emma A. Coleman, born January 4, 1865, on the farm now owned and occupied by her husband, daughter of Henry and Mary (Wingert) Coleman, the former a farmer in Brothers Valley township, a Democrat, and a member of the Reformed church. Mrs. Brant was educated in the public schools of her native town. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Brant are: Norman, born January 20, 1883, educated in the public schools; is a machinist; lives at Althouse, and married Hilda Hoover. Henry F., April 6, 1885, educated in the public and normal schools and in the Scranton Business College; taught for one year, then became clerk in a store and afterward bookkeeper for the Enterprise Coal Company in Garrett; he married Harriet I. Boger, who died leaving him an infant of four months, which is being cared for by its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. U. Madison Brant. Mary, June 7, 1888, married Jacob Youtzy, who is a stone mason and lives in Brothers Valley. Edna, November 16, 1889, educated in common and normal schools and is qualified to teach, lives at home. Charles, March 5, 1892. Claude, December 18, 1896. Roy C., December 12, 1904.

Norman and Henry F. Brant are now in the grocery business in Berlin, trading under the firm name of Brant Bros.

WILLIAM F. SHAFFER.

William F. Shaffer, a marble and granite dealer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born June 6, 1853, a son of John H. and Harriet (Stahl) Shaffer. She was raised by Judge Jerry Black, with whom she made her home until she was married. He is of German descent, his grandparents having emigrated from that country at an early date. The father, John H. Shaffer, was born and lived nearly his entire life in Somerset. He learned the trade of hatter, and during the last five years of his life was in the employ of Abner McKinley, a brother of William McKinley. He was a survivor of the Johnstown flood, and died in 1903, at the age of seventy-six years.

The educational training of William F. Shaffer was received in the public schools. When he was six years of age his mother died, and the entire care of the family, consisting of three brothers and a sister, was left to an aged grandmother. At the age of thirteen William was bound out to a farmer in Fayette county, and after two years in this employ, returned to his home in Somerset county, where, until he attained the age of twenty-one years he was engaged in working for his father and in attending school. He then entered into an apprenticeship with J. W. Wooley, of Somerset, to learn the trade of marble cutting, serving a term of three years at a wage of $6 per month. He completed his trade in 1880, doing journey work about three years, and then commenced in business for himself on a very small scale. At one time, finding himself without money with which to purchase stock, he obtained a loan of twenty dollars from a Mr. A. H. Coffroth, of Somerset. During his first year in business Mr. Shaffer made all of his own designs on rough paper with a pencil, and also did all of his own work, including selling, setting and cutting. From this very modest beginning, Mr. Shaffer's business has expanded to monumental size, and is counted among the largest retail marble and granite concerns in Western Pennsylvania. He is a Republican in his political proclivities, and in religious faith is a member of the United Brethren church, which he has attended for thirty years, and in which he has been collector of preacher's salary for twenty-five years.

Mr. Shaffer married, in 1877, Mary C. Hecker, of Somerset, and to them were born five children: Edward M. and Austin D., of whom further; Ira H., Ella M. and Emma J.

Edward M. Shaffer received his education in the public schools, and at the age of seventeen entered into an apprenticeship with his father for a term of four years. He was then admitted to the business, being given one-fifth interest. In the same year he married Suie Manges, of Jenners, Pennsylvania, and two years later his father sold him a full third interest in the business. On January 1, 1905, Mr. Shaffer sold a third interest in the business to his second son, Austin D., who was previously employed by the First National Bank, of Somerset, as head bookkeeper, in which capacity he was engaged for a period exceeding five years. On June 1, 1906, he was elected assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Somerset. He married Stella Burgess, of Pitcairn, Pennsylvania, the eldest daughter of Rev. T. W. Burgess, of the United Brethren congregation. In political relations Austin D. Shaffer has always voted the Prohibition ticket, and has always been identified with temperance reform. His brother, Edward M., is a Republican. Their business is now conducted under the firm name of W. F. Shaffer & Sons, having previously been W. F. Shaffer & Son. They carry a full and complete equipment of modern machinery, including pneumatic tools, polishing machines, traveling cranes, etc., and they employ from ten to twelve skilled mechanics the year around.

PETER D. BEAR.

Peter D. Bear, a prosperous and well known farmer of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a representative of the fourth generation of this family in America, his ancestor having come from Germany and settled in America.

(I) Daniel Bear, the great-grandfather of Peter D. Bear, and the founder of the family in the United States, came from Germany and settled in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, where he raised a family of children, among whom was a son, Ludwig.

(II) Ludwig Bear, son of Daniel Bear (1), was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and later removed to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he cultivated a farm, and owned and managed a distillery and a tannery, in all of which undertakings he was most successful. He was a Whig and a member of the Lutheran church. He was twice married; the name of his first wife is not preserved; his second wife was Catherine Shaulis, who died March 3, 1854. Ludwig Bear died September 4, 1820. He had had five children by his first wife, and seven by the second, among whom was a son, Daniel.

(III) Daniel Bear, son of Ludwig Bear (2), was born February 18, 1800, near the Fritz church. He received a limited education in the common schools of his district, and was engaged in the occupation of farming from his earliest boyhood until his death, which occurred February 1, 1884. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He married, January 23, 1842, Eliza Deal, born September 4, 1820, daughter of Peter K. and Mary (Keefe) Deal, who were the parents of ten children; Peter K. Deal lived in Greenville township, was a carpenter by occupation, a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran church; he and his wife lived to an advanced age. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bear are: Jonathan, a farmer in Brothers Valley, married Lavinia Judy; William, also a farmer in Brothers Valley, married Catherine Hearsh; Mary, married Andrew Layman, of Laramie township, he is a farmer there; Peter D., of whom later; Catherine, deceased, married William Diedel; Rebecca, married William Hearsh, who is a miner in Meyersdale; Daniel, deceased, married Sarah Warner; Ezra, unmarried.

(IV) Peter D. Bear, fourth child and third son of Daniel (3) and Eliza (Deal) Bear, was born in Brothers Valley, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1849. He had the advantage of a good common school education, and then assisted his father on the farm. This occupation he followed until his marriage at the age of twenty-four years. After his marriage he took up a number of lines of work in various parts of Somerset county, and continued this for about three years. At the end of this period he returned to his native township and purchased the home farm from his father; this farm, consisting of one hundred and thirty-three acres, and an extensive sugar camp, Mr. Bear has brought to a high state of cultivation, and each acre brings its full share of profit into his treasury. It is well stocked with excellent horses and short-horn Durham cattle. His poultry yard is also of considerable size, and this is under Mr. Bear's personal supervision. There are veins of coal underlying the farm, but they are at a great depth. Mr. Bear is an ardent Republican, and cast his first vote for Ulysses S. Grant. He is supervisor of his district, and performs the duties of his office in an eminently satisfactory and capable manner. He is a member of the Fritz Lutheran Church, as are all the members of his family who are of an age to attend church services. He has held the office of deacon in that institution, and is a member of the Sunday school. He is a man of considerable influence in his town, taking an active and deep interest in the public affairs of his country, and more especially in those of the community in which he lives.

He married, January 4, 1874, Harriet A. Judy, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Myers) Judy, who were the parents of ten children: Josiah, Rebecca, Franklin, Polly, Elizabeth, Phoebe, Isabel, Lavinia, Matthias, and Harriet A. Daniel

Judy was a farmer and died at the age of fifty years; his wife Elizabeth died in 1892, at the age of eighty-three years. The children of Peter D. and Harriet A. (Judy) Bear are as follows: Lely M., born May 13, 1875, married Clark B. Saylor, a blacksmith, has five children and lives in Summit township; Eliza E., September 1, 1876, married Calvin P. McGuire, a farmer in Upper Turkey Foot, and has three children; William E., May 16, 1879, is a farmer and resides with his parents; P. Sylvester, June 8, 1881, married Carrie Walker, and is a farmer in Brothers Valley, on the farm of E. J. Walker; Maggie B., August 19, 1882, lives with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Carrie Bear; Ada I., May 13, 1884, resides at home with her parents; Hattie A., June 1, 1886, at home; Peter L., September 14, 1887, assists his father on his farm; Bertha N., November 18, 1891.

JOHN J. GUMBERT.

John J. Gumbert, one of the most prosperous farmers in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, who has done much to cultivate the soil in that district and enhance its value, being the owner of a number of farms, is of German birth and descent.

(I) John Peter Gumbert, grandfather of John J. Gumbert, was a native of Germany, and spent all his life there. He served with credit in the German army. He and his wife were Lutherans. His old German Bible, printed in 1781, is still in the possession of his grandson, John J. He married Anne Elizabeth Bruck, and among their children were two sons who came to America: John Jacob, of whom later; and John, who settled in Ohio.

(II) John Jacob Gumbert, son of John Peter (1) and Anne Elizabeth (Bruck) Gumbert, was born near Wesler, Germany, August 17, 1800. He received a good common school education, and learned the trade of shoemaking. He entered the German army, where he served three years in the artillery and was honorably discharged. He came to the United States with his brother John, landing in New York, July 31, 1836, and finally settled in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. During the civil war he was a staunch Unionist. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican, and cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison. He died June 9, 1880. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. He married, April 27, 1826, Mary Catherine Bruck, born near Wesler, Germany, August 19, 1806, died September 15, 1882. Their children were: John J., of whom later; Catherine, born in Germany, March 10, 1834; Peter, born in Brothers Valley, February 24, 1837, is a farmer; Jacob, died in childhood; Henry, January 20, 1846, in Brothers Valley, is postmaster at Pine Hill and a merchant.

(III) John J. Gumbert, eldest son and child of Jacob (2) and Mary Catherine (Bruck) Gumbert, was born near Wesler, Germany, November 20, 1830. He received a good education in the public schools of Brothers Valley, for the establishment of which his father had voted. He attended school when he could even after coming of age. Until he had attained his majority he gave all his earnings to his father, and then without a dollar he could call his own, he elected to start out in the world for himself. By dint of energy, hard work and economy, he succeeded in getting forward in the world, and in 1868 he bought of Jonathan Coben his present farm for six thousand dollars, half of which he was able to pay in cash. He has since that time resided on this farm, which consists of one hundred acres, an orchard of several hundred trees, and a sugar camp of five hundred vessels. It is well stocked with an excellent grade of horses and cattle. Coal underlies the entire farm and Mr. Gumbert has retained all rights in this. He is also the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres in Hayes Mills; another of one hundred and seventeen acres in Greenville township; and several small truck farms. Mr. Gumbert is a Republican, and has served one term as constable, but has never accepted public office since that time. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church, of which he is a deacon. He has amassed a comfortable fortune, and this is owing to his systematic business methods and progressive ideas. He has never had a lawsuit, and is highly respected by all in the community. Owing to two severe falls, his health has become greatly impaired, yet he is always calm and cheerful, and ready to give a helping hand to those in need of it. He is a great reader and keeps well abreast of the times.

Mr. Gumbert married, June 9, 1867, Margret Bear, born in Brothers Valley, January 23, 1835, daughter of William and Sally (Deal) Bear; the former born March 31, 1813, died February 30, 1877, and the latter born September 11, 1816, died April, 1903; they were married October 6, 1833. William Bear was a blacksmith and lumber dealer, and in addition was one of the wealthiest and most prosperous farmers in Greenville township; his children were: Eliza, Samuel, Margret, Francis, Isaiah, Edwin, Sarah, Harriet, Daniel, and Jacob. Margret, wife of John J. Gumbert, died April 4, 1904, after an illness of but four days. She is buried in the Pine Hill cemetery, where a beautiful monument marks her last resting place. She was an expert spinner and weaver, making all the carpets and linens for her home with her own hands. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gumbert were: Sarah C., born November 8, 1872, received a good education in the public schools and became greatly interested in church work. She is a member of the

Willing Workers Society. She married, February 26, 1902, Frank C. Lichty, son of Conrad and Sarah Lichty. They are both members of the Lutheran church, of which he is a deacon, and make their home with Mr. Gumbert, whose assistant and mainstay Mr. Lichty is in all farming operations. Anne C., born October 21, 1876, died April 25, 1902. She received an education similar to that of her sister, joining in the same religious work, and the same society. Her health was always delicate.

CORNELIUS JUDY.

Cornelius Judy, of Althouse, is a grandson of Cornelius Judy, who was a farmer and one of the early settlers of Brothers Valley township. He was the father of four sons and three daughters. Solomon, Matthias, Youst, and Jonathan, of whom later; Rose, wife of David Hoover; Phoebe, wife of William Hoover; and Polly, wife of Joseph Hoover.

Jonathan Judy, son of Cornelius Judy, was born in Brothers Valley township, and from early youth was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owned his farm and in connection with it operated a sawmill, making from the trees of that region farm and house lumber. He was a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church. Mr. Judy married Eva Christner, and their children were: Jacob, carpenter and farmer of Garrett, Pennsylvania; Jerome, merchant of Garrett, married Barbara Burkholder; William, farmer of Brothers Valley township, married Lena Brown; John, farmer of Thayer county, Nebraska, married Eliza Swana; Cornelius, of whom later; Polly, wife of Jonathan Schrock, of Black township; Malinda, wife of Herman Vogel, farmer of Brothers Valley township; and Caroline, deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Judy lived to the age of seventy-five, the former dying in 1899, and the latter in 1902. She was a member of the same church as her husband.

Cornelius Judy, son of Jonathan and Eva (Christner) Judy, was born January 5, 1846, on the homestead, near Althouse, and received his education in the common schools. He engaged in farm work for his father and others until his marriage, after which he was a tenant farmer for three years in another part of the township. He then returned to the homestead and for another three years cultivated the land on shares. At the end of that time he purchased the property and resided thereon until 1904, when he built his present home in Althouse, still, however, cultivating the farm. The estate consists of one hundred and forty-six acres and is underlaid with coal, which is leased to the Somerset Coal Company and worked on a royalty. Mr. Judy is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the German Baptist church.

Mr. Judy married, September 18, 1873, Henrietta Hoffman, born February, 1851, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Alice M., born August 24, 1875, wife of William A. Merrill, coal operator and merchant of Garrett, has five children. 2. Henry Wilson, born October 20, 1877, assists his father on the farm, he married Leacia Poorbaugh. 3. Bertha Della, born February 12, 1880, wife of John Ray, has one child, Harry, and lives on the homestead. 4. Elias, born March 27, 1884, works in the mines and lives at home. All these children were educated in the public schools of the township.

JOHN LENTZ.

John Lentz, of Berlin, is a grandson of Charles Lentz, who was born in Baden, Germany, and in early life emigrated to the United States. He was a weaver by trade and in politics a Whig. His wife was a native of Somerset county.

Jacob Lentz, son of Charles Lentz, was born in 1810, in the southern part of Somerset county, and was a farmer and cooper. He was first a Whig and later a Republican, and served several years as constable of Elk Lick township. He and his wife were members of the German Baptist church. Mr. Lentz married, in 1833, Sarah, born in 1815, near Meyersdale, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pivets) Schrock, and their children were: Cyrus J., blacksmith and farmer of Waterloo, Iowa; Caroline (Mrs. Wolford, of Oklahoma); Joseph, blacksmith, died at the age of fifty-nine; Elizabeth, wife of Edward D. Spangler, of Morrill, Brown county, Kansas; John, of whom later; Phelon J., of Grundy Centre, Grundy county, Iowa; Sarah, wife of William Brown, both deceased; Edmund, died at the age of forty-five unmarried; Amanda, wife of Urias Folk, both deceased; Mary E., wife of Norman Ringler, farmer of Elk Lick township; Eliza, wife of Rufus Ward, miner of Meyersdale; Milton, died in childhood.

John Lentz, son of Jacob and Sarah (Schrock) Lentz, was born May 7, 1841, in Elk Lick township, and obtained his education in the subscription public schools, his attendance being limited to about three months annually, by reason of the fact that he was his father's assistant in the shop and on the farm. He remained with his father until the age of twenty-one, when he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. This regiment was present at the battles of Antietam, South Mountain and Sharpsburg, but was held in reserve. In the battle of Fredericksburg, however, it took an active part, and Mr. Lentz was paralyzed by the bursting of a shell. He was taken to the hospital, but failed to regain his health and was honorably discharged. In 1864 he married and for four years thereafter worked a farm on shares. He then began farming for himself, and for thirty-five years was a tenant farmer in the township. During that period he lived on and worked but four farms, all being the very best in the township. He finally decided to own his farm and purchased one, but the death of his wife changed his plans and he turned it over to his son-in-law, Edward Bauermaster. He is now living in the township and visits among his children. He has served as school director and auditor, and is a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church.

Mr. Lentz married, February 15, 1864, Anne, born May 10, 1847, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Hochstetler, the former a farmer. Mrs. Lentz was educated in the common school. Mr. and Mrs. Lentz were the parents of the following children, all of whom received a common school education and are well settled in life: Missouri G., born July 6, 1864, wife of Edward Bauermaster, whose sketch appears on another page of this work; Mary E., June 11, 1865, wife of L. A. Maust, Baltimore & Ohio station agent at Garrett, Pennsylvania, has the following children: Artie, John, Bessie, Annie, Hazel, Tyranus and Margaret; Edith Susan, May 26, 1867, died in childhood; Milton K., November 22, 1868, unmarried; Sallie B., May 20, 1871, wife of B. F. Suder, farmer of Brother's Valley township, has one child, Anna G.; Carrie D., March 4, 1875, wife of Clarence Hay, farmer of Brother's Valley township, has two children, Marion and Sallie; Lloyd E., March 10, 1878, was Baltimore & Ohio station agent at Rockwood, died March 29, 1905; Anna L., July 19, 1880. The mother of this family died June 20, 1902.

JOHN W. MENGES.

John W. Menges, of Berlin, is a great-grandson of Adam Menges, who was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States. His son, also Adam Menges, was born April 4, 1808, and married Elizabeth Burkhardt, born October 6, 1806. The marriage took place March 30, 1828, and their children were: Joshua, Jeremiah, of whom later; William H., Julia Ann, Harriet, Mary M., and Cordilla. Of these only two are still living: William H., traveling salesman for the Homer Shoe Company, married Susan Bittner, and resides in Berlin; and Harriet, a widow, living in Missouri. Adam Menges, the father of the family, who was by trade a millwright, died in 1854. His widow married George Bridagum, July 9, 1857, and died July 4, 1893.

Jeremiah Menges, son of Adam and Elizabeth (Burkhardt) Menges, was born June 26, 1831, was educated in the public schools and for two years was a teacher. He was for the greater part of his later life engaged in business as a teamster. He was a Republican and a Lutheran, his wife being a member of the same church. Mr. Menges married, in 1857, in Allegheny township, Rebecca Fair, born April 17, 1837, and educated in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Menges were the parents of the following children: John W., of whom later; Laura J., born August 12, 1859, died in childhood; Thomas A., born April 7, 1861, married Lizzie Coleman, lives in Berlin; Charles H., born September 18, 1862, lives in Hyndman, Pennsylvania, married Rebecca Beale. The mother of the family died November 1, 1863, and Mr. Menges subsequently married Mary Mundell. His death occurred June 24, 1870, and his widow married and moved to Iowa, where she still resides.

John W. Menges, son of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Fair) Menges, was born April 30, 1858, in Allegheny township, and received a good public school education. In his youth he worked at farming, and at the age of eighteen learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until his marriage, five years later. For a time he lived in Berlin, where he was employed as an expressman at the Baltimore & Ohio railroad station, and in 1884 moved to his present farm, which he purchased in 1900. The estate consists of one hundred and thirty-one acres, adjoining Berlin, and is nearly all under cultivation. It is fully stocked with well bred horses and cattle and has a sugar camp of three hundred and seventy-five vessels. The improvements are good and complete. The farm is underlaid by coal, which has been sold to the Niver Coal Company. For three years Mr. Menges has served as school director. He belongs to Camp No. 7170, Modern Woodmen of America, and has held several offices in that body. In politics he was until recently a Republican, but now votes with the Prohibitionists. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church of Berlin, which he has served as deacon and elder, being also connected with the Sunday school.

Mr. Menges married, November 9, 1882, Ellen C. Miller, and their children are: Harry E., born August 30, 1883, graduated from the Berlin high school and is now taking a business course in the International Correspondence School of Scranton; he lives at home and assists his father; Merle J., born October 22, 1887, graduated from Berlin high school and is employed as time clerk at the Westinghouse Electric Works at East Pittsburg; Nellie C., born December 10, 1889, attending Berlin schools; Mary E., born November 27, 1891, died in 1895. Mrs. Menges belongs to a family of German origin. She is the daughter of Jonathan A. Miller, who was a farmer of Berlin, a Republican and a member of the Progressive Brethren church. He held several township offices. He married, in 1846, Caroline Walker, and they were the parents of a son and a daughter: William J., farmer near Berlin, married Samantha Fritz, has five children; and Ellen C., born February 25, 1861, educated in the Berlin schools, wife of John W. Menges. Mr. Miller died

August 25, 1900, and his widow, who is a member of the Lutheran church, makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Menges, and is in good health at the advanced age of eighty-two.

JEREMIAH J. REIMAN.

Jeremiah J. Reiman, of Shanksville, is a representative of a family which was founded in this country by Gottlieb Reiman, who was born in 1747, in Germany, and early in life emigrated to Pennsylvania and settled in Berks county. In 1773 he came to Somerset county and took up his abode on what is known as the Snyder farm, in Stony Creek township. He was a tailor by trade, but lived mainly by hunting, selling the skins of the animals which he shot and with which the region abounded. Gottlieb Reiman was the father of the following children: John, George, of whom later; Charles, Mary (Mrs. Switzer), and Elizabeth (Mrs. Swank). The founder of the family died in 1804.

George Reiman, son of Gottlieb Reiman, was born in 1768, and after his marriage removed to Shade township and kept house under the branches of a large oak tree until a log cabin was built for a home. He cleared eight acres the first year and the entire farm within a short period. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. George Reiman and his wife were the parents of the following children: Mary, deceased; John, deceased; Henry, Elizabeth, Susannah, deceased; George, deceased; Samuel, Joseph, Jacob, of whom later; Sarah, and Lydia. George Reiman died in 1834, and his wife in 1855.

Jacob Reiman, son of George Reiman, was born July 1, 1813, and like his ancestors followed agricultural pursuits. He was first identified with the Whigs and later with the Republicans, and was a member of the German Baptist church. Mr. Reiman married, November 4, 1838, Elizabeth, born in November, 1817, in Elk Lick township, daughter of Christian and Susan Fike, and their children were: Samuel F., clergyman, married Rebecca Schrock, died February 17, 1897; John F., retired farmer of Stony Creek township, married Sarah Schrock; Tobias, died in youth; Moses, died in childhood; Elizabeth, also died in childhood; Susan, wife of Jacob M. Knepper, farmer of Stony Creek township; Jeremiah J., of whom later. Mrs. Reiman, who was a member of the German Baptist church, died in 1889, and the death of Mr. Reiman occurred in 1891.

Jeremiah J. Reiman, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fike) Reiman, was born June 26, 1854, on the homestead, and was educated in the common and normal schools of the county. At the age of seventeen he began teaching in the township schools, in which he remained an instructor for three years, and until his marriage he worked on his father's farm. In 1880 he bought the home farm, which he still owns and on which he lives. The estate consists of two hundred and fifty acres of good land, and is well stocked with pure blooded Oxford Down sheep and Ohio Improved Chester swine. The horses and cattle are well bred, and Mr. Reiman is an extensive buyer and feeder of stock. The farm produces an abundance of fruit and has a sugar camp of six hundred vessels. The land is underlaid with coal and the improvements are large and substantial. The house is a handsome brick structure, erected in 1861, but since remodelled with the addition of various modern features. It is surrounded by well kept lawns and trees. The barn and outbuildings were erected at a later period by the present owner.

Mr. Reiman was for many years one of the directors of the Union Association and Farmers' Fire Insurance Company of Somerset county, and is now director in the Economy Telephone Company and the First National Bank of Berlin, having held this office in the last-named institution since its organization. He has served as school director and is a Republican in politics. He is a deacon in the German Baptist church and a teacher in the Sunday school.

Mr. Reiman married, February 22, 1877, Rebecca Schrock, and the children of the marriage are: Ada M., born April 23, 1878, wife of Clinton K. Shober, farmer of Somerset township, has one child, Ralph; Annie J., born April 12, 1881, wife of Morris S. Maust, farmer of Elk Lick township, has one child, Clarence; Milton M., born January 22, 1888, educated in common and normal schools, lives with his parents and is now in his second year of teaching in the Stony Creek schools; Clarence, born July 29, 1892, attending school. Mrs. Reiman is a daughter of Jacob and Catharine Schrock, the former a farmer of Stony Creek township and a Republican. He and his wife were members of the German Baptist church. Their daughter, Rebecca, was born April 6, 1853, received a common school education, became the wife of Jeremiah J. Reiman and is a member of the German Baptist church. Mr. Schrock died September 26, 1887, aged seventy-four years, and his widow passed away December 3, 1891.

PETER S. HAY.

Peter S. Hay, of Berlin, is a representative of a family which was founded in Somerset county by Simon Hay, who came hither from Germany in 1763. Among the children born to himself and his wife, Anna May, was a son, Peter S. Hay, who married Elizabeth Walker, by whom he became the father of the following children: David, Michael, Philip, of whom later; Mary, Susanna, Elizabeth, Catharine, Peter, Valentine, and Caroline.

Philip Hay, son of Peter S. and Elizabeth (Walker) Hay, was born April 3, 1820, and married, February 5, 1846, Anna Olinger, born August 29, 1824. Their children were: William P., Hiram P., S. Sylvester, Peter S., of whom later; Melinda, Clara A., P. Ephraim, Sarah, Luke, Ellen, deceased; and Mark, deceased. The mother of these children died October 27, 1868, and the death of Mr. Hay occurred August 15, 1902.

Peter S. Hay, son of Philip and Anna (Olinger) Hay, was born February 12, 1857, on the homestead in Brothers Valley township, where he obtained his education in the common schools. At an early age he began working on the farm, where he remained until his marriage. In 1881 he bought the Jacob Countryman farm, on which he has since resided. The property consists of two hundred and thirteen acres of good farm land, with some timber, and is well stocked with fine horses and blooded Durhams. In addition to the stock raised Mr. Hay buys and feeds for the market. There are good orchards of fruit trees of many kinds, and about sixty acres of the farm are underlaid by the coal veins of the region, the interest in which is retained by Mr. Hay, the veins underlying the remaining acres having been sold before he purchased the farm. Coal for the local market is being mined on the estate. The improvements are modern, and the residence, which is delightfully situated, was built by Mr. Hay in 1885. He is a Democrat. A member of Mount Zion Reformed church, which he serves as deacon.

Mr. Hay married, September 16, 1880, Clara E. Walker, who is a member of the Lutheran church, but attends Mount Zion with her husband. They have no children. Mrs. Hay is a daughter of Silas and Eliza Walker, the former a retired farmer of Summit township. He and his wife are the parents of the following children: Wilson E., farmer of Summit township, married Clara A. Hay; Clara E., born February 7, 1862, educated in the public schools, wife of Peter S. Hay; Edward, deceased; Minerva, wife of Emmanuel Berkley, farmer of Summit township; Charles W., lawyer of Summit, married Susan Schrock; Robert, farmer of Summit township, married Margaretta Kimmel.

NICHOLAS FLAMM.

Nicholas Flamm, of Berlin, is a son of Valentine Flamm, who was by trade a shoemaker and owned a farm which he cultivated in connection with his trade. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. He married Nancy, daughter of Benjamin Zerfoss, and their children were: Nicholas, of whom later; Jacob, served during the Civil war in Company H, Fifty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died in 1870; Matilda, wife of John Sarver, farmer of Allegheny township. There were also two who died in infancy and a daughter who died at the age of fourteen. Mr. Flamm died at the comparatively early age of forty-five, and his widow survived until 1888, when she expired at the age of eighty-six. She was a member of the Lutheran church.

Nicholas Flamm, son of Valentine and Nancy (Zerfoss) Flamm, was born December 1, 1838, in Somerset township, and received his education in the schools of Stony Creek township. He early began farming, which calling he has since continuously followed, with the exception of eighteen months spent at the carpenter's trade. On June 17, 1863, he enlisted in Company H, First Regiment, Provost Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a term of six months, receiving his discharge January 8, 1864. He re-enlisted in Company H, Fifty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, September 26, 1864, and served until the close of the war, being honorably discharged June 8, 1865. In 1892 Mr. Flamm purchased his present farm in Stony Creek township. It is a fine tract of two hundred acres, well situated for all purposes and fully stocked with good horses and cattle. Fruit of all kinds is raised in abundance. The improvements are modern and the residence is a tasteful dwelling, erected in 1892, the barn having been built in 1894. Mr. Flamm was formerly much engaged in stock buying and feeding, but now confines himself to raising. He belongs to Cummins Post, No. 210, G. A. R., of Somerset, and has always voted with the Republicans. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Flamm married, June 10, 1863, Lavinia Speicher, and their children were: Catharine, born November 4, 1863, died January 4, 1864; Nancy J., born October 31, 1864, died August 26, 1879; Elizabeth, born December 15, 1866, died August 17, 1879; Carrie, born November 4, 1868, died August 28, 1879; Charles, born October 1, 1870, died August 30, 1879; Mary E., born February 15, 1873, died August 28, 1879; John, born May 24, 1875, educated in common and normal schools of the county, taught in county schools six years; now employed by the Nevin Coal Company and lives at the shaft near Berlin; he married Cora Krissinger and has two children, Ira and Orpha; William, born April 13, 1877, died August 30, 1879; Ida, born April 23, 1879; Franklin P., born June 30, 1880, lives at home and works on the farm; both he and his brother John are Republicans, the former being a member of the Lutheran church and the latter of the United Brethren; Alice, born January 2, 1882, lives at home; George, born June 23, 1885; Sarah, born January 19, 1887; Cora M., born November 25, 1890. The three last named are at home.

As may be seen from the above record, Mr. and Mrs. Flamm, in 1879, lost six of their children in thirteen days, by diphtheria, four dying in two days. They themselves were lying very ill with the same disease and were unconscious of their loss until later. In November of the same year their six-months-old babe, Ida, was burned in her crib, which caught fire from the explosion of a lamp, and lived a week in great suffering. These grievous afflictions, following each other in such quick succession, completely prostrated the parents, and it was a long time before they recovered from their great loss.

Mrs. Flamm is a daughter of John Speicher, who was born June 6, 1820, in Virginia, and was one of the early settlers of Shanksville, where he owned a large farm until his death. For about sixty years he operated a grist and sawmill in that place. He held several township offices and during the greater part of his life was a Republican, but eight years before his death became a Prohibitionist. He was a deacon and elder in the Lutheran church. Mr. Speicher was thrice married, and at the time of his death was a widower. His first wife was Harriet Walker, who bore him three children, two of whom died in childhood. The survivor, Lavinia, was born April 20, 1845, was educated in the Shanksville schools and lived at home until her marriage to Nicholas Flamm. Her mother died when quite a young woman. The death of Mr. Speicher occurred July 11, 1902.

IRVIN P. WALKER.

Irvin P. Walker, of Berlin, is a representative of one of the oldest families in Somerset county, a full account of his ancestry being given in the sketch of E. G. Walker, which appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Walker is a son of Jonathan G. and Matilda (Hay) Walker, and was born February 17, 1853, on the Walker homestead, in Brothers Valley township, receiving his education in the common schools and at the Berlin Normal school. After teaching for one year in the township he became a farmer, and has since, with but slight interruptions, followed agricultural pursuits. He remained at home until the age of twenty-two, when he took a trip to the west, passing most of the time in Iowa, Kansas and Minnesota. He returned to the east, and after residing there for a time again went west, remaining about eighteen months. In 1880 he bought his present farm of one hundred and forty-six acres, where he has since resided. This estate, which he has named the "Golden Rod Farm," is situated about two miles from Berlin and is well stocked with Shorthorn cattle and good horses. There is an abundance of fruit, principally apples, and also a sugar camp of eleven hundred vessels, producing about four thousand pounds of maple sugar annually. The coal underlying the farm is owned by Mr. Walker, and the improvements are large and substantial. In 1890 Mr. Walker erected a large barn, which he furnished with modern appliances, but in 1901 the structure was damaged by a tornado to such an extent that it had to be rebuilt. In 1898 he erected his present residence, one of the finest farm homes in the county. It is built of white pressed brick, with bay windows and an octagon L, while balconies and porches complete a tasteful exterior. It is surrounded by a well-kept lawn and a profusion of flowering plants. Mr. Walker is interested in the First National Bank of Berlin and in the Economy and Union Telephone Companies.

He has been for twenty-eight years a member of Berlin Lodge, No. 461, I. O. O. F., having passed all chairs and belonging to the Grand Lodge of the order. His political affiliations were with the Republicans until 1900, when he allied himself with the Prohibitionists, and is now (1905) the candidate of that party for the office of county poorhouse director. He and his wife are members of the Berlin congregation of the Lutheran church, which he has served as deacon and trustee and is now serving as elder. Mr. Walker was a lay delegate, representing Allegheny synod at the General synod at Baltimore in 1903.

Mr. Walker married, November 18, 1880, Lillie G. Dively, and their children are: Judd M., born November 27, 1881, educated in common and normal schools of the county, foreman for Beeritz & Son, grain merchants of Somerset; Prohibitionist and member of the Lutheran church. Married, June 21, 1906, Lizzie Shaulis, a teacher, daughter of Amos J. Shaulis, a Somerset county farmer. Earl L., born April 19, 1883, educated in public schools, farmer, lives at home; Prohibitionist and member of Lutheran church. Howard A., born January, 10, 1885, educated in public schools, lives at home, Prohibitionist, member of Lutheran church. Mamie N., born September 6, 1886. Irma S., born January 31, 1889. Ralph W., born January 26, 1891. Herbert L., born February 3, 1893. Glenn E., born September 24, 1895. Clyde H., born May 28, 1897. Vernon P., born August 5, 1902. Mamie N., Irma S. and Ralph W. were educated in the public schools and are members of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Walker was born October 5, 1858, and was educated in the schools of Stony Creek township. She is a daughter of William M. and Susan (Allfather) Dively, the former a blacksmith at Roxbury. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran and Reformed churches.

SAMUEL KUHNS.

Samuel Kuhns, of Berlin, is a great-grandson of John Kuhns, who was one of the early settlers of Brothers Valley township, where his son, Jacob Kuhns, was born May 10, 1799. Jacob Kuhns was a farmer in his native township, and in politics was a Democrat. He was a member of the Reformed church, which he served as deacon and elder. He married, in 1824, Mary Brubaker, born January 1, 1806, and their children were: John, of whom later; Eliza, wife of Samuel Musser, both deceased; and Mary, widow of Dr. Beachley, of Meyersdale. The death of Jacob Kuhns occurred in Berlin in 1873.

John Kuhns, son of Jacob and Mary (Brubaker) Kuhns, was born November 22, 1824, on the Philson farm, in Brothers Valley township, and, like his father, passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Reformed church, which he served as deacon and trustee, also as elder. He married, December 24, 1846, Mary Kimmel, born January 11, 1826, in Stony Creek township, and a member of the Lutheran church. Their children were: Rose A., born February 2, 1848, died September 12, 1850; William, born March 18, 1850, retired farmer, living in Berlin; married Mary Musser, and has one child, Nellie; Samuel, of whom later; Mary A., born September 13, 1855, wife of Samuel A. Landis, farmer of Stony Creek township; Sarah, born July 15, 1857, wife of the Rev. S. C. Stover, pastor of the Reformed church at Keim, Elk Lick township, has two children: John and Elwood.

Samuel Kuhns, son of John and Mary (Kimmel) Kuhns, was born January 11, 1853, in Stony Creek township, where he obtained his education in the public schools. Until he was of age he remained on the farm, assisting his father, and then, having married, settled on the farm which he purchased in 1874, and on which he still resides. This property consists of one hundred and fifty-five acres, all under cultivation with the exception of the sugar camp of seven hundred vessels, which produces annually about three thousand pounds of maple sugar. The orchards are principally of apples. The farm is well stocked with a good grade of horses and cattle, and in addition to the cattle raised Mr. Kuhns buys and feeds for the market. In 1878 he erected a convenient and tasteful residence. He is a Democrat and a member of the Reformed church. He married, November 27, 1873, Elizabeth Glessner, and their children were: Lydia, born May 16, 1878, educated in Stony Creek schools and Berlin Normal school, member of Reformed church; wife of Harry H., son of Henry Glessner, and has one son, Kuhn Glessner, born September 13, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Glessner live on the Kuhns homestead, Mr. Glessner working the farm for his father-in-law. John and Henry (twins), born July 25, 1886, died September 8, 1886. Mr. Kuhns is a great sufferer from rheumatism and recently visited the baths at Mount Clemens, Michigan, where he was much benefited.

Mrs. Kuhns is a daughter of Henry Glessner and a granddaughter of Jacob Glessner. The latter was a great-grandson of Elder Jacob Glessner, who was murdered in Berlin, in 1794, by the Rev. Cyriacus Spangenberg. Mrs. Kuhns was one of a family of ten children and was born November 22, 1852. She was educated in the public schools and is a member of the Reformed church.

J. G. NEWMAN.

One of the highly cultivated and therefore productive farms of Somerset county, located in the town of Listie, is the property of J. G. Newman, who was born in Addison township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1855, a descendant of an English and Irish ancestry.

He attended the common schools in the vicinity of his home, completing his studies one month after attaining his majority. He began his active career as a farmer, which occupation he followed up to the year 1899, when he assumed the management of a general store at Listie, continuing the same for a period of two and a half years, and then disposing of the stock in order to purchase the farm on which he now resides in the town of Listie. He is a member of the Reformed church, and since attaining his majority has cast his vote for the candidates of the Democratic party.

On February 8, 1877, Mr. Newman married Ellen J. Baker, born December 19, 1855, daughter of Levi and Mary Baker, and two children were the issue of this union: 1. George A., born August 20, 1878, in Addison township, Somerset county; he received his education in the common schools of his native county, and gained a lucrative livelihood by following the occupations of stonemason and farmer; in the fall of the year he devoted his attention to threshing. December 27, 1905, he started working for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company as fireman, which position he still holds. He is a Democrat in politics. He married, October 31, 1899, Clara E. Walker, born June 22, 1882, in Milford, Somerset county, daughter of Bernard J. and Martha Ann Walker, and they are the parents of three children: Walter W., born September 6, 1901; Vinnie May, born November 16, 1903, and Deelda Fern, born September 17, 1905. 2. Vinnie M., born December 15, 1879, in Addison township, Somerset county. On March 8, 1898, she became the wife of John H. Schroek, a merchant of Baltimore, Maryland, in which city they reside, and they are the parents of two children: Dewey, born August 13, 1899, and George A., born September 5, 1901. Mrs. Ellen G. Newman, wife of J. G. Newman, died October 4, 1903.

JOSEPH M. MILLER.

Among the practical and progressive agriculturists of Bills, Somerset county, may be mentioned the name of Joseph M. Miller, who has recently purchased a fine property in Somerset, to which he moved in the year 1906. He is a son of Christian and Mary (Miller) Miller, and grandson on the paternal side of Joseph Miller, who engaged in farming, and on the maternal side of Abraham H. Miller. Both grandparents were born in America. The one died at the age of eighty-seven and the other at the age of ninety-four. Abraham H. Miller was considered one of the strongest men in the county. He could throw a barrel of cider on a wagon having a double box. Christian Miller (father) was born in 1813, was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and an active and influential citizen.

Joseph M. Miller was born in Jefferson township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1853. After completing a common school education, he assisted his father with the duties of the home farm until he was twenty-six years old, after which he worked the farm for six years on shares, and in 1883 purchased the Elijah Bauman farm, whereon he is now conducting extensive operations and from which he receives a lucrative livelihood. His place is neat and attractive in appearance and indicates the supervision of a master hand. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party.

In 1876 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Barbara Smith, who was born in Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1852, daughter of Frederick Smith, formerly from Germany. Their children are: Frederick S., married Sadie Lentz, a daughter of William Lentz, of Waterloo, Iowa, who was formerly of Meyersdale, this county. They are engaged in farming in Waterloo, Iowa. Anna B., married Ira Blaugh, of this county; they are engaged in farming. Lawrence, deceased; Webster W.; Harvey J., married Minerva Bittner, of Larimer township; Cleveland G., Mary and Ruth Miller.

HOSEA BLOOM.

Hosea Bloom, of Olanta, Clearfield county, formerly engaged in the hotel business in Listie, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born March 29, 1866, in New Milport, Clearfield county, the son of Samuel and Jane (Curry) Bloom, and grandson of William Bloom, a farmer.

Hosea Bloom obtained his education in the common schools of his native county, and leaving school at the age of eighteen engaged in teaming, an occupation which he followed successfully for fifteen years. He then removed to Listie, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and there engaged in the hotel business, conducting the same for some time with good success. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He married January 5, 1888, Electa Morrison, born January 5, 1869, a daughter of David and Louisa (Bauman) Morrison. Mr. and Mrs. Bloom have children, as follows: I. Zoe, born September 16, 1889; Floyd D., May 8, 1891; Twyla M., August 12, 1895; Russell, November 9, 1897; Violet L., September 22, 1900; and Hosea W., December 11, 1903.

JOHN F. SNYDER.

John F. Snyder, a resident and shoemaker of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born October 11, 1852, a son of George and Henrietta (Heyr) Snyder, and grandson of John H. and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Snyder. His maternal grandparents were Charles F. and Mary Heyr.

John F. Snyder acquired a common school education, and has followed the occupation of a shoemaker the most of his life, being very prosperous in this line. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Snyder married, in 1875, Mary Walker, who was born October 13, 1854, the daughter of Peter and Amy (Nedrow) Walker. They have two children, Cora and Leila.

ALEXANDER MARKEL.

Alexander Markel, a blacksmith of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born August 6, 1850, the son of Leopold and Elizabeth (Wunch) Markel.

Leopold Markel (father) was a native of Germany, born 1800, who emigrated from the Fatherland in 1832, settling in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Wunch) Markel, were the parents of the following named children: Ferdinand, Ringold, deceased; Caroline, deceased; Leopold, Frank, deceased; Samuel, deceased; William, deceased; Minna, Mary A., Samuel (2), deceased; Peter, deceased; and Alexander.

Alexander Markel acquired his education in the common schools of Somerset county, and leaving school at the age of fourteen years, turned his attention to the trade of boiler-maker. After he finished this he learned the trade of blacksmith, in which he is very proficient. He is now working at this occupation, and makes a specialty of horse-shoeing. He is a stanch Republican in political relations, and served his township as assessor for seven years, constable three years and tax collector two years. He and his family are Lutherans in religion.

Alexander Markel married, October 30, 1877, Lucinda Ankney, who was born in Somerset county, June 14, 1852. She is of German descent, the daughter of David and Charlotte (Young) Ankney, and granddaughter of Jacob Ankney, who was born and reared in Somerset county, and a farmer by occupation. David Ankney (father) was born in 1807 in Somerset, was a farmer by occupation, and a Republican in politics. He and his wife, Charlotte (Young) Ankney, had children as follows: Catherine, deceased; Mary E., George A., Lydia, Jacob, Lucinda, Cyrus B., Sarah, Anna S., Lincoln, William H., and Maggie. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Markel are the parents of the following named children: Bertha E., lives at home; Ada L., Charles L., deceased; Clayton E., and Martin L., who is a student at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

JOHN WINTERS.

John Winters, a veteran of the Civil war, who is now leading a retired life, enjoying to the full the consciousness of duties and obligations well and faithfully performed, is a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, born June 25, 1840. His parents were John and Margaret (Mull) Winters, natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and descendants of an honorable ancestry.

John Winters obtained a common school education, and after completing his studies followed farming as a means of livelihood up to 1885, in which year he was elected sheriff of Somerset county, in which capacity he served three years. He then engaged in the hotel business, becoming the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, at Somerset, which he conducted for two years. The following three years he served as clerk in the hotel, but is now leading a retired life, residing with his son in the Hotel Vannear, at Somerset, Pennsylvania. In September, 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil war, when the country was in sore need of the services of her faithful sons, Mr. Winters enlisted in the army, becoming a member of Company C, Fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served until General Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, a term of three years and nine months. He was a prisoner three days and three nights, but was then taken to the Parole Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and there discharged.

In 1861 Mr. Winters was united in marriage to Jane Bowman, who bore him children: Johanna R. married James Blough; James L. married Susan Kimmell; Thomas G., Maggie, Jacob B. married Nora Sticer, and they are the parents of one child, Marie; Robert R. married Fanny Spangler; Grace married Ernest Kootz.

WILLIAM HOSTETTER.

William Hostetter, a tailor of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Meyersdale, August 21, 1845, the son of John and Barbara Hostetter.

William Hostetter entered the tailoring business when quite young, and has followed this occupation most of his life, attended with excellent success. During the Civil war he enlisted, in May, 1863, in Captain William Schrod's Independent Company of Volunteers, and served about seven months. January, 1864, he re-enlisted at Harrisburg in Company K, Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served under Captain Gross until the close of the war.

In 1876 he married Jennie Knee, daughter of Solomon and Margaret (Spangler) Knee. They have five children: Edward, Albert P., Harry Z., William D. and Paul S.

JOSEPH R. JOY.

Joseph R. Joy, a resident of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and a member of the police force of that town, is a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, born June 15, 1845, a son of John F. and Mary (Moore) Joy.

Joseph R. Joy obtained a common school education, and when but sixteen years of age entered the Union army, serving under Captain George Harrison, in the Second Maryland Regiment. He remained in the service from August, 1861, until the cessation of hostilities, handling government supplies. Upon his return to civil life Mr. Joy went to work on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, being thus engaged for over twenty-two years. For the past twelve years he has been a valued member of the police force of Somerset, and is in every way well qualified for this line of work. In his political relations Mr. Joy is a Prohibitionist, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In 1873 Joseph R. Joy was united in marriage to Miss Anna Dhuse, a daughter of Henry and Sophia Dhuse. By this union seven children were born, all of whom are now deceased, two having died in infancy. After the death of his first wife Mr. Joy married Miss Annie Byroad, a daughter of John and Mary Byroad. The children born of this union are as follows: John, Joseph, Annie, Mary, George, Iva, Ernest, Daisy and Wilbur.

URIAH LANDIS.

Uriah Landis, one of the enterprising and successful business men of Somerset, a son of Jefferson and Isabel (Berkey) Landis, and grandson of Abraham Landis, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1858.

Uriah Landis acquired a practical education by attending the common schools in the vicinity of his home. He followed farming as a means of livelihood until 1901, in which year he engaged in the livery business, which has steadily increased in volume and importance with each succeeding year, and at the present time (1905) has one of the finest establishments of its kind in that section of the county, and is also erecting one of the largest buildings in the town, which will be fully equipped with vehicles and horses suitable for all occasions. He is courteous and accommodating, and therefore well merits the large patronage which has been accorded him. He is a staunch adherent of the principles of Republicanism. He is a progressive, public-spirited man, and one whose honor, enterprise and social qualities give character to a community.

In 1879 Mr. Landis was united in marriage to Amanda Bearl, born January 19, 1860, daughter of Jonathan and Eva (Philippi) Bearl, and three children have been the issue; Edward S., born January 10, 1880; Eva, May 10, 1883; and Sally, May 31, 1885.

WILLIAM A. STAHL.

William A. Stahl, a resident of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born in 1856, the son of John and Mary (Baron) Stahl, and grandson of Godfrey and Elizabeth (Hess) Stahl, both natives of Somerset county. His maternal grandparents were Joseph and Eva (Friedline) Baron. He is one of eight children, as follows: William A., Elizabeth, Lydia, Franklin, Mary, Austin, John and Henry H.

William A. Stahl married (first), January 19, 1877, Esther Barkman, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Barkman, and they had the following children: Jacob A., Edwin F., married Sadie E. Haugher, and they have one child, Mildred; Mary N., wife of Milton N. Haugher, and mother of one child, George William. Mr. Stahl married (second), August 29, 1900, Edith Pile, who is of French descent. She was born April 28, 1865, a daughter of Josiah and Margaret (Kooser) Pile, and granddaughter of George and Solon (Putnam) Pile. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Sarah (Knight) Kooser. She is one of eight children, as follows: Lucinda, Allen, Ernest, Laura, Edith, Sadie, Lyman and Clara.

GEORGE H. THOMPSON.

George H. Thompson, a well known citizen of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and a descendant of an old and honorable English lineage, traces his ancestry on the paternal side to George Thompson, who resided in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and there reared his family to manhood and womanhood.

The line of descent is traced through his son, John Thompson, who married Elizabeth Snivley, and they reared a family of seven children, namely: George H., Jane, Elizabeth, Emma, Amanda, Edward and Jacob.

George H. Thompson, the eldest of the above named family, was born in Lavansville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1846. He received a common school education, and began his active career by accepting a position as teacher, in which capacity he served for four terms. The following three years he conducted a general store, meeting with varying success, and from that time to the present (1905) has followed the occupation of blacksmithing. The regard in which he is held by his fellow-citizens is evidenced by the fact that he was chosen to fill the office of county auditor, serving one term, and also jury commissioner, which he filled for a similar period of time. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

Mr. Thompson married, September 17, 1871, Amanda C. Flick, born September 7, 1844, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Davis) Flick, and the issue of this union was three children: Rolland, deceased; George R., deceased; and Grace. Mr. Thompson and his family are members of the Reformed church. They are well thought of in the community, and enjoy the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends.

NELSON W. SULLIVAN.

Nelson W. Sullivan, a representative citizen of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1852, son of Philip and Rebecca (King) Sullivan, and grandson of Lemuel and Mary Sullivan.

Nelson W. Sullivan acquired a common school education, thereby becoming equipped for an active business career. He followed railroading for the long period of twenty-eight years, during which time he was employed on the following roads: Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, Allegheny Valley, and Fort Wayne, and for five years was employed by the Adams Express Company in the capacity of money messenger, his route being between Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and New York city. He was faithful and conscientious in the performance of the various duties assigned him, and thereby won the commendation of his superiors in office, and the esteem and good will of his fellow employes. Of late years he has devoted his attention to farming, which has proved a successful and lucrative occupation. He takes an interest in the welfare and growth of his native county and state, and in national, state and local politics casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party.

On February 18, 1877, Mr. Sullivan was married to Louisa

Bittner, born February 22, 1859, daughter of Herman and Rachel (Bought) Bittner, and granddaughter on the paternal side of Benjamin Bittner, and on the maternal side of John and Eve Snyder. Three children were the issue of this marriage: George A., born October 27, 1877; Martin L., January 13, 1879; and Mary E., October 23, 1895. Mr. Sullivan and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

HENRY BARKMAN.

Henry Barkman, deceased, for many years a representative of the agricultural interests of Somerset county, conducting extensive operations in the town of Somerset, was a native of the county in which his life was spent, the date of his birth being February 11, 1855. He was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Young) Barkman, and a grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth Barkman, worthy and esteemed members of the community in which they resided.

Henry Barkman attended the common schools in the neighborhood of his home, and his active career was devoted to farming on a farm of two hundred acres, which has been in the possession of the family for five generations. He conducted his farming in a methodical and scientific manner, and thus was enabled to derive a comfortable livelihood for himself and family. He attended the Lutheran church, in which faith he was brought up, and he was always ready to contribute to its support and maintenance. He married, October 19, 1876, Charlotte R. Bearl, born January 21, 1857, daughter of Jonathan and Eva (Phillip) Bearl, whose family consisted of six children, namely: John A., Elizabeth, Margaret, Charlotte R., Amanda and Minnie. Six sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barkman, as follows: William W., born July 11, 1877; John Y., July 7, 1879, married Maggie Metzler, and they reside on his mother's farm; Charles F., June 21, 1882, married Bertha Heninger; Albert D., September 21, 1884; George R., September 4, 1886; Henry Edward, August 3, 1889. Henry Barkman died at his home in Somerset, June 3, 1891, in the prime of life, being only thirty-six years, three months and twenty-two days old. His untimely death was deeply deplored by all who were brought in contact with him, and his family lost an affectionate husband and loving father. His widow resides on the old homestead, and is highly esteemed by her friends and neighbors.

WILLIAM H. BERKEY.

William H. Berkey, a resident of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born December 1, 1839, a son of Henry and Lucy (Philson) Berkey, and grandson of Adam Berkey, who emigrated to this country from Germany.

William H. Berkey acquired his education in the common schools of his native county. When the Civil war was in progress he enlisted in 1862 and served for nine months under Captain George F. Baer. He re-enlisted in 1864, and served under Dr. Webster B. Lomen, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, until the close of the war. In matters of politics Mr. Berkey is a strong Republican, and he and his family are regular and consistent members of the Lutheran church. In 1869 he married Nancy E. Lape, born December 25, 1850, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Hufman) Lape, and they have the following children: Norman E., born 1870; Mollie B., 1872; George H., 1875, died in Guatemala, Central America, November 23, 1905; Emily S., 1888; Rhea, 1892. Of these children, Norman E., the eldest, married Flora Custer, and they have two children, Samuel and William H.

DANIEL G. STAHL.

Daniel G. Stahl, a farmer and stockdealer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born March 19, 1865, the son of William H. and Mary A. (Walker) Stahl, who were the parents of six children, as follows: Cyrus, William, Daniel G. (of whom later), Clark, Lizzie and Annie.

Daniel G. Stahl, third son and child of William H. and Mary A. (Walker) Stahl, obtained a good common school education. He is an excellent farmer and also deals quite extensively in stock raising. He is a Liberal in politics, and in religious affiliations a member of the Lutheran church. Prior to his adopting the occupation of a farmer he engaged for four years as a school teacher. He is a capable, industrious farmer and an excellent, useful citizen. He married, December 14, 1886, Grace Rishaberger, born January 15, 1869, a daughter of William and Adeline (Gardner) Rishaberger, who were the parents of three chlidren, namely: Robert, Nannie Cathryn and Grace. Two children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Stahl, namely: Elsie M., born in 1887; and William, August 30, 1891.

GILLIAN F. KOOTZ.

Gillian F. Kootz, deceased, who was a prosperous farmer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born May 2, 1835, a son of Gillian and Catherine Kootz.

Gillian F. Kootz obtained his education in the common schools of his native place, and followed the occupation of farming and saw-milling all his active working life. He owned an excellent farm, which he brought to a high state of cultivation and improvement. He was an industrious, useful citizen, and well thought of throughout the community. He and his family were members of the United Brethren church. Gillian F.

Kootz married, December, 1861, Sophia Fleck, born May 17, 1842, a daughter of George and Nancy (Friedline) Fleck, both natives of Gurnee township, Somerset county. Mrs. Kootz was one of ten children. The death of Gillian F. Kootz occurred October 25, 1904, an event which was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. His widow still resides in Somerset.

ANDREW JENKINS SMITH.

Andrew Jenkins Smith, of Elk Lick, is a son of Michael Smith, who was born in County Kings, Ireland, and in 1835 came to the United States, being then about nineteen years old. He settled in Cumberland, Maryland, where he was employed, in company with his brothers, John and Nicholas, on Chesapeake and Ohio canal contract work. He remained there until 1837, when he removed to Elk Lick township and settled on the old John J. Keim farm, where he made his home until 1840. In that year he migrated to Mount Savage, where he was employed in the rolling-mill. He soon abandoned this for the Sullivan farm in Elk Lick township, and in 1850 went to Illinois. The following year he returned and took up his abode on the farm known as the "David Livengood farm," now owned by his son, Andrew Jenkins Smith. Mr. Smith married, in 1840, Elizabeth, daughter of ——— Griffith, of Elk Lick township, and their children were: John, William, Marx, Andrew Jenkins (see forward). Mary, Ellen, David, Michael, Anna, and Philip.

Andrew Jenkins Smith, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Griffith) Smith, was born June 6, 1851, in Illinois, and obtained his education in the public schools of Summit and Elk Lick townships, which he attended until the age of twenty-one. He worked on his father's farm until 1878 and then entered the soft coal mines, where he was employed until 1903. In that year he entered the service of the C. T. Hay Lumber Company, and in July, 1904, purchased the farm on which he has since lived. From 1881 to 1884 he served as tax collector of Salisbury borough. He belongs to the United Mine Workers' Association and is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic church of West Salisbury.

Mr. Smith married, in 1887, Lydia, daughter of Ambrose McKengie, of Garrett county, Maryland, and they became the parents of the following children: Mary Edna, John, Lawrence, Michael Allen, and James Andrew. Mrs. Smith died March 1, 1893.

RICHARD NEWMAN.

Richard Newman, of Elk Lick, is a son of William Newman, who was born in 1823, in Garrett county, Maryland, where he passed his entire life as a farmer. He married Margaret, daughter of Jacob Blocher, of Garrett county, and the following are their children: Richard (see forward), Nevin, Ida, and Elijah. William Newman died July 26, 1894.

Richard Newman, son of William and Margaret (Blocher) Newman, was born February 12, 1861, in Garrett county, Maryland, where he attended the public schools until the age of eighteen. Until attaining his majority he assisted his father in the labors of the homestead, and then worked in the woods as a lumberman until 1885, when he entered into partnership with his brother Nevin, and Frank, Harvey H. and Norman Maust, under the firm name of the Maust & Newman Lumber Company, with offices at Salisbury. The connection was maintained until 1895, since which time Mr. Newman and his brother have carried on the business together under the firm name of R. Newman & Bro., still keeping their offices at Salisbury, with sawmills in Greenville and Elk Lick townships. Mr. Newman is vice-president of the Heat & Light Power Company and president of the West Salisbury Feed Company. He has filled the offices of school director, auditor and councilman, serving in each office for three years. He is a Republican and a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Newman married, May 22, 1887, Amanda, daughter of Israel Glotfelty, of Garrett county, Maryland, and their children are: Harvey Earle, Lelia Maude, Ira Glenn, Mary Margaret, and Homer Richard.

ADAM FOGLE.

Adam Fogle, of Elk Lick Springs, is a son of George Fogle, who was born in Germany, and about 1833 emigrated to the United States. He settled in Somerset county, making his home at Berlin, and there passed the remainder of his life. He was a stone mason by trade, a member of the Reformed church and a Republican. His wife was Anna Helwich, also a native of Germany, and among their children were: Peter, Adam (see forward), Ellen, Lizzie, George, and Matilda. George Fogle died in 1862, in his fifty-fourth year; Anna, his wife, died about 1870, in her sixty-eighth year.

Adam Fogle, son of George and Anna (Helwich) Fogle, was born April 28, 1837, at Berlin, Pennsylvania, where he obtained his education in the public schools, which he attended until the age of twenty. He then began to work at the trade of a stonemason and bricklayer, which occupation he has followed to the present time, with the exception of three years, from 1854 to 1857, when he carried the mail from Berlin to Johnstown. In 1862 he moved to Grantsville, Maryland, and in 1864 returned to his native county, taking up his residence in Salisbury. He and his sons are all expert mechanics and have erected nearly all the superior stone and brick work in the township. Among the principal structures which he has helped to erect are Wilhelm church at Keim, the residences of Dr. Lichty and N. D. Keim, and some of the finest buildings in Meyersdale, Salisbury and surrounding county within two hundred miles. Mr. Fogle has served fifteen times as judge of elections, and for the last eight years has held the office of assessor of the borough. His political allegiance has always been given to the Republican party, his first presidential vote having been cast for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the Evangelical church of Salisbury, and has been steward and trustee.

Mr. Fogle married, April 5, 1860, Susanna Miller, of Stony Creek township, and they were the parents of one child, William Henry, now a stonemason of Connellsville. He married Rose Millhouse, and had four children: Charles, Nelda, Adam and Bessie. Charles and Nelda are both married and each have a child, making three families of the four generations now living. Mrs. Fogle died in 1862, and Mr. Fogle married, October 9, 1864, Caroline, daughter of Charles Hartline, of Salisbury. By this marriage there were the following children: Ida, wife of William Cochrane, of Salisbury; they are the parents of eight children: Emma (Mrs. James Younkin), one child; George, John, Eva, Clarence, Allen, Earl and Marie. Allen, deceased. George, married Margaret Easton; four children: Zella, Mary, Edith and James; he is a stonemason and contractor. Harvey, married Ella Ballet; two children, Francis and William; he is a stonemason and contractor. Carrie, married Jacob Bender; five children: Allen, Edna, Harry, Raymond and an infant son. Herman, unmarried, stonemason. Leroy, unmarried, stonemason. Nellie, married Samuel Bender; one child, Roy.

ANDREW L. MARTIN.

Andrew L. Martin, of Stoystown, is a grandson of Samuel Martin, who was born in Dunbar township, Fayette county, where he passed his life in devotion to agricultural pursuits. His wife was Sarah Lincoln, also a native of Fayette county, and their children were: John G. (of whom later), Calom, Joseph, Lincoln, Newton, Martha, Elizabeth, and Luther.

John G. Martin, son of Samuel and Sarah (Lincoln) Martin, was born December 21, 1837, in Dunbar township, Fayette county, and was a millwright, carpenter and contractor. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Martin married, in 1863, Surna Bryson, and their children were: Andrew L. (of whom later), Fanny D., Samuel, Charles, Franklin, Walter S., Luella (deceased), Nonie (deceased), and Effie E.

Andrew L. Martin, son of John G. and Surna (Bryson)

Martin, was born August 26, 1864, in Dunbar township, Fayette county, where he received his education in the common schools. He left school at the age of fourteen and engaged in drawing stone. Later he was employed for eleven years as a telegraph operator by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and was also agent at the station. He is now engaged in the retail furniture business at Stoystown.

Mr. Martin married, May 18, 1893, Mary J., born November 6, 1866, in Shade township, daughter of Pearson and Hester (Specht) Lohr, and their children are: Joseph W., born March 12, 1894; Harry L., August 27, 1895; Dora F., March 2, 1899; Hester Surna, March 10, 1906.

MILLARD FILLMORE LOWRY.

Millard Fillmore Lowry, of Elk Lick township, is a grandson of John Lowry, whose son, George Lowry, was born October 5, 1820, in Stony Creek township. George Lowry was a farmer, and about 1840 moved to Elk Lick township. He married Lucinda, daughter of Peter Beachy, of the same township, and their family consisted of the following children: Mary Anna, wife of Monroe B. Kretchman; Millard Fillmore, see forward; Albert B., married Nancy Garlitz; Martha; Abraham, married Margrett Smalley; William G., married Ida E. Newman; and Caroline, wife of Elijah Newman.

Millard Fillmore Lowry, son of George and Lucinda (Beachy) Lowry, was born November 22, 1856, on the farm in Elk Lick township on which he now makes his home, and until his nineteenth year attended the public schools. From that time until the age of thirty he spent his summers in working on the farm for his father, and from 1881 to 1885 taught school during the winters. In 1902 he and his brother, William G. Lowry, purchased a farm and have ever since cultivated it in partnership. Mr. Lowry is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. He is unmarried.

CHRISTIAN F. LEE.

Christian F. Lee, late of Elk Lick township, was a son of Thomas Lee, who was born December 15, 1816, in Milford township, and was a farmer, being also engaged in business as a manufacturer of spinning wheels. He married Elizabeth, born November 15, 1816, daughter of Daniel Brenneman, of Germany, who married Maria Bender, February 20, 1803, in Germany, and who came to this country in 1828. The children of Thomas and Elizabeth Lee were: John, Daniel, Joel, Mary, Samuel, and Christian F., see forward.

Christian F. Lee, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Brenneman) Lee, was born July 24, 1858, in Addison township, where he attended the public schools until the age of eleven, when the family moved to Elk Lick township, and his education was completed in the schools of that township. At the age of nineteen he left school and thereafter assisted his father on the farm and also worked for neighboring farmers until 1883. He then rented a farm from his father for one year, and in 1884 purchased the farm, which he occupied until his death, July 9, 1906. In the sphere of politics he advocated and upheld the men and measures indorsed by the Democratic party. He was a member of the Amish Mennonite church, in which since 1897 he served as trustee.

Mr. Lee married, October 18, 1883, Laura C., daughter of Joseph Spiecher, of Garrett county, Maryland, and their children are: Elizabeth, Anna, Sadie, Harry, Simon and Glenn.

JOSEPH HENRY MILLER.

Joseph Henry Miller, of Elk Lick, is a grandson of John Miller, whose son, Henry Miller, was born in 1833, in Somerset county. Henry Miller was a farmer, and married Mary, daughter of Jacob Yoder, of Somerset county. Their children were: Lafayette, Elizabeth, Jacob, Joseph, Henry (see forward), Sarah and Lydia.

Joseph Henry Miller, son of Henry and Mary (Yoder) Miller, was born November 17, 1860, in Garrett county, Maryland, where he attended the public schools until the age of eighteen. He assisted his father in the labors of the homestead until 1882, and thenceforth was employed by the neighboring farmers until 1890. He then bought his father's farm in Garrett county, Maryland, remaining there until 1893, when he sold the property and moved to his present home in Elk Lick township. He is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren church.

Mr. Miller married, January 14, 1891, Viola, daughter of John Wilburn, of Preston county, West Virginia, and their children are: Harry, Hubert, Effie, Sherman, Mary, Leonard, and Lloyd.

JOHN F. BENDER.

John F. Bender, of Stoystown, is the son of Abraham Bender, who was born in Northampton county and was by trade a blacksmith. Politically he was a Whig. His wife was Sarah, born in Berlin, daughter of George and Susan (Koontz) Dively, and their children were: Lavinia; Sarah, wife of Daniel Wolford; Philip; and John F., of whom later.

John F. Bender, son of Abraham and Sarah (Dively) Bender, was born May 18, 1830, in Berlin, Somerset county, where he was educated in the common schools. After leaving school he was for two years engaged in brickmaking, and then learned the blacksmith's trade, which he has made his regular means of livelihood. September 9, 1863, he enlisted for one year in Company G, Ninety-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was honorably discharged June 20, 1865. He has been a lifelong Republican.

Mr. Bender married, March 19, 1865, Elizabeth, born in Lower Turkeyfoot township, daughter of David and Susan Sechler, and their children were: Charles, deceased; Walter, deceased; Lavina, wife of William Thompson; Philip; Margaret, deceased; Minnie, wife of Cornelius Crossen; Robert, deceased; and Tillie, deceased. The mother of these children died in 1876. In 1880 Mr. Bender married Rebecca Burkey, born October, 1842, in Jenner township. By this marriage he became the father of one child, Foster G., born February 3, 1884, in Stoystown, graduated August 1, 1905, at the Pittsburg Dental College, subsequently passed the state examination and is now practicing his profession at Stoystown, Pennsylvania.

JOHN H. HOOVER.

John H. Hoover, a resident of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, a son of Silas Hoover and Lucy (Auman) Hoover, was born October 26, 1873, and is of German origin. Silas Hoover was born near Berlin, Brothers Valley township, and in his early days engaged in school teaching. Later he entered the ministry of the German Baptist church. He married Lucinda Auman, and they had children as follows: William, John, Minnie, Irvin, Raymond, Elva, and Myra.

John H. Hoover, second son and child of Silas and Lucy (Auman) Hoover, acquired his initial education in the common schools of Somerset county, and later attended one term at Huntingdon College. He decided upon the career of a school teacher, and has been ten terms engaged in this occupation, and is to become an instructor in the Wable advanced school. Mr. Hoover is well qualified for his chosen work, and has achieved excellent success in the training and educating of the young. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, and has ever evinced a lively interest in all community affairs.

Mr. Hoover married, May 9, 1897, Effie Murray, who is of Irish descent, and was born June 19, 1879, in Wittenberg, Larimer township, Somerset county, the daughter of Uriah and Sevilla (Bittner) Murray, and one of eight children, viz.; Effie, William, Ada, Charles, Frank, Emma, Alice, Grace. Uriah Murray was a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are the parents of five children: Ruth, Mabel, Homer, Harold and Lucy.

JOHN J. BARNETT.

John J. Barnett, of Stoystown, was born in that place August 4, 1861, and traces his descent from Jacob and Margaret (Shanifelt) Barnett, the latter of German extraction. Their son, also Jacob Barnett, was born in Somerset county, followed the calling of a farmer and was a Republican in politics. His wife was Maglinnia, daughter of Adam Zimmerman, whose ancestors were natives of the Fatherland.

Aaron Barnett, son of Jacob and Maglinnia (Zimmerman) Barnett, was born in Somerset county, and, like his father, passed his life in the pusuit of agriculture. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company G, Ninety-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the termination of the conflict, when he was honorably discharged. He married Catharine, daughter of John and Rosanna (Schaley) Knupp, and granddaughter of James and Barbara (Roosevelt) Knupp, the latter a kinswoman of President Roosevelt. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett were the parents of two sons: William J., born May 4, 1857, died May 10, 1893; and John J., of whom later. The death of Mr. Barnett, the father, occurred October 3, 1902.

John J. Barnett, son of Aaron and Catharine (Knupp) Barnett, attended the common schools of Somerset county until the age of eighteen, when he turned his attention to farming. After a time he abandoned this occupation in order to become engineer in a brewery. Four years later he left and obtained the position of engineer in the Cambria works, but at the end of two years moved to Stoystown, where he now resides on the old homestead. Mr. Barnett married, in 1885, Mary E., born in 1864, in Stoystown, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret F. (Taylor) Gardner.

JEROME STUFFT.

Jerome Stufft, of Stoystown, was born September 27, 1852, in Jenner township, and is a son of Daniel Stufft, who was born September 8, 1820, in Somerset county, and followed the calling of a farmer. He married, December 24, 1840, Catharine, born November 17, 1814, in Somerset county, daughter of Jacob and Mary Byers, the former of German extraction. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Stufft consisted of the following children: Sarah, born October 30, 1841, wife of Jacob J. Zimmerman; Mary, July 2, 1846, wife of Alexander Rhoads; Margaret, September 27, 1848; Jerome, of whom later; William, February 24, 1855, deceased; and Cyrus, March 6, 1858, also deceased. The mother of the family died November 3, 1892, and the death of the father occurred September 27, 1893.

Jerome Stufft, son of Daniel and Catharine (Byers) Stufft, received his education in the common schools, and since completing his studies has been continuously engaged in farming. He is a Republican in politics. Mr. Stufft married, January 25, 1877, Annie C. Baush, and they are the parents of two sons: James B. W., born April 13, 1878; and Daniel G., May 8, 1880. Mrs. Stufft is a daughter of Joseph Baush, who was born July 9, 1810, in Somerset county, and was a farmer and a member of the Lutheran church. He married, November 27, 1836, Rebecca, born July 21, 1814, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Stauffer, of Somerset, and the following were their children: William, born February 10, 1839; Mary, January 27, 1841; James, July 20, 1843, deceased; James Henry, August 10, 1844; Elizabeth, September 24, 1847; Annie C., December 2, 1849, in Stoystown, wife of Jerome Stufft; and Joseph P., February 27, 1853.

SAMUEL P. MAUST.

Samuel P. Maust, of Meyersdale, is the great-grandson of Jacob Maust, who came from Germany about 1779 and settled in Elk Lick township. Jacob Maust was the father of Abraham Maust and the grandfather of Peter Maust.

Samuel P. Maust, son of Peter Maust, was born June 26, 1848, in Summit township, where the Shaw mines are now in operation. Until the age of nineteen he attended the public schools of his native township and also of Elk Lick township. After leaving school he taught for one term and then engaged in farming. He became by purchase the possessor of the Maust farm, the warrant for which was issued February 21, 1785, by the state of Pennsylvania, to his great-grandfather, Jacob Maust. Since 1900 Mr. Maust has given his attention to real estate and to the building of Maustdale, Elk Lick township. He is also interested in the retail coal business and is a stockholder in the Second National Bank of Meyersdale. He is a Democrat and a member of the (German Baptist) Brethren church, of which he has been a minister since July 4, 1879.

Mr. Maust married, December 21, 1871, Lucinda N., daughter of Abraham P. Beachy, of Elk Lick township, and their children were: Abraham L., married Carrie Kelson and lives at Scott City, Kansas; Elizabeth E., wife of D. J. Meyers, also of Scott City; Morris S., married Anna Grace Raymond and lives at Elk Lick; Orpha A., wife of Elder I. S. Richie, of Everett; Elsie M., at home; Lucinda A., also at home; and Edward N., died in infancy.

SAMUEL G. SHAFFER.

Samuel G. Shaffer, of Stoystown, was born October 4, 1866, in Conemaugh township, and traces his descent from David Shaffer, a native of Germany and an early settler of Somerset township. His son, Simon P. Shaffer, was born in 1785, probably in Bedford county, and came with his father to Somerset county. About 1842 Simon P. Shaffer removed to Quemahoning township, becoming the owner of about six hundred acres in that township and in Jenner. Simon P. Shaffer married Barbara Poorman, and their children were: George, Jeremiah, Jacob, David, Samuel, Aaron (of whom later), Adam, Noah, Simon (served nine months in the army during the Civil war), Nancy, Mary, and Elizabeth, wife of John Anawalt. The father of the family died in 1862.

Aaron Shaffer, son of Simon P. and Barbara (Poorman) Shaffer, was born in 1823, in Friedensburg, and was a lifelong farmer. During the Civil war he served nine months in the Union army. He was a Republican in politics. He married Anna M., born May 21, 1828, in Somerset county, and their children were: Cyrus A., William B., Anna E., Phoebe E., Mary A., Simon P., John, Milroy, Samuel G., and one who died in infancy.

Samuel G. Shaffer, son of Aaron and Anna M. (Bender) Shaffer, received his education in the common schools, and at the age of twenty-two entered the service of the Adams Express Company, in Johnstown, remaining one year. He was then employed for four years as timekeeper by the Johnstown Street Railroad Company, after which he became clerk for the Swank Hardware Company, but at the end of six months obtained the position of bookkeeper for the Cambria Iron Company, of Johnstown. His next removal was to Stoystown, where he has since been engaged in farming.

Mr. Shaffer married, September 6, 1892, Anna K., born August 21, 1871, daughter of Jacob A. and Sarah (Stufft) Zimmerman, of the town of Somerset.

FRANK PHENICIE.

Frank Phenicie, of Garrett, is the grandson of Stephen Phenicie, a native of Scotland, who emigrated to the United States about 1819, and settled in Somerset county, where he followed his trade, which was that of a shoemaker. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. He was the father of the following children, all of whom made homes for themselves in Somerset county: Stephen, of Windber, Pennsylvania; John, deceased; Eli, of whom later; and Jacob, deceased.

Eli Phenicie, son of Stephen Phenicie, was born in 1834, at Scalp Level, Somerset county, and in early life was a shoemaker, but later worked in the coal mines. He married Emma, daughter of John Meyers, of Cambria county, and their children were: Frank (of whom later), William, Nettie, Anna, Howard, Robert, Charles, Nellie, Emma and Alice. The death of Mr. Phenicie occurred September 13, 1886, aged fifty-two years; Mrs. Phenicie died February 25, 1898, in her fifty-third year.

Frank Phenicie, son of Eli and Emma (Meyers) Phenicie, was born January 7, 1866, at Scalp Level, Pennsylvania. Removed to Garrett in 1871, where he attended the public schools until the age of sixteen. He then entered the coal mines, where he worked until 1900, and in that year became gauger in the internal revenue department, a position which he held until 1902, when he purchased the Riverside Hotel at Garrett, Pennsylvania, which he has since successfully conducted. For three years he held the office of councilman, and for the same length of time served as school director. He affiliates with Lodge No. 471, Knights of Pythias, of Meyersdale, and Lodge No. 175, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of Johnstown. He is a Republican.

Mr. Phenicie married, in 1885, Anna M., daughter of Frederick Hoos, of Meyersdale, and their children are: Lee, Harry, Grace, Pearl, Clara, Frederick, Clay, and Anna.

JOHN M. CRITCHFIELD.

John M. Critchfield, one of the practical and progressive agriculturists of Somerset county, was born July 29, 1851, in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, son of Jacob and Mary (Dull) Critchfield, grandson of John M. Critchfield, a native of Somerset county and a farmer by occupation, and great-grandson of William Critchfield, a native of Germany, who came to this country at a very early day, settling in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Jacob Critchfield (father) was born in Milford township, March 10, 1830, followed agricultural pursuits, and he and his wife, Mary (Dull) Critchfield, were the parents of the following named children: Oliver, John M., Louisa, Emma, Minerva, Anna, Nora, Edward, and William.

John M. Critchfield was educated in the common schools of Milford township, completing his studies at the age of nineteen years. He was reared to farm life, and consequently chose that occupation as a means of livelihood, beginning operations on his own account in 1875. His farm is well cultivated and therefore highly productive, and the product thereof, being of a superior quality, finds a ready sale in the nearby markets. As a citizen he is active and alert, contributing to the best of his ability in every enterprise that tends toward the growth and prosperity of the community and its inmates. He casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party.

Mr. Critchfield married, February 2, 1875, Anna Hay, born March 1, 1856, in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Martha (Lobe) Hay, born August 31, 1822, and August 31, 1829, in Somerset county, respectively, and their children were as follows: William, deceased; Anna (Mrs. John M. Critchfield), and John Hay, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Critchfield are the parents of eight children, as follows: Albert M., born May 1, 1876, died February 9, 1877; Charles, July 1, 1878; Howard, June 15, 1880; Mary M., July 8, 1884; Laura, April 26, 1888; Emma, May 20, 1891; Florence, May 4, 1892; Edna, July 22, 1894.

JACOB P. CROYLE.

Jacob P. Croyle, of Stoystown, was born May 2, 1869, in Stony Creek township, and is a son of Barnard Croyle and a grandson of Jacob Croyle, who was a native of Bedford county and a farmer, removing, at what period of his life is not known, to Somerset county.

Barnard Croyle, son of Jacob Croyle, was born in Milford township, Somerset county, and followed agricultural pursuits. He adhered to and supported the men and measures advocated by the Republican party. He was a soldier of the war of the rebellion, in Company J, Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers; served about three years and was wounded in one of the great battles of the war. Mr. Croyle married Ellen Lohr, born in Quemahoning township, and their children are: Luther, Jacob P. (of whom later), Satie, George, Anna, Emma, and Tillie.

Jacob P. Croyle, son of Barnard and Ellen (Lohr) Croyle, obtained his education in the common schools of his native county, and after leaving school engaged in mining. In 1903 he turned his attention to farming, a calling to which he has since devoted himself. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Croyle married, February 28, 1889, Nancy Barnett, and their children are: John G., born April 16, 1890; Mary E., July 17, 1891; Stella E., July 18, 1893; Harrie M., December 3, 1896; Nellie O., April 25, 1899; and Neoma R., May 16, 1901. Mrs. Croyle is a daughter of Nicholas Barnett, who was born in Quemahoning township, and was a Republican. He married Harriet, daughter of David and Sarah Barnhart, and the following children were born to them: Sarah, Esther, Nancy (born May 4, 1869, wife of Jacob P. Crowle), John, Thomas, James (deceased), William, Margaret, David, Daniel, Julie, and Anna.

JOHN C. REITZ.

John C. Reitz, a well known and influential citizen of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and a prosperous dealer in lumber, is a native of this country, but descended from German stock.

Hartman Reitz, father of John C. Reitz, and founder of the Reitz family in America, was born in Germany, May 6, 1806, and came to the United States in 1832. He received a good education in Germany. He married (first) Catherine Gindsparer, born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and had two children: John C., of whom later; and Conrad. He married (second), in 1847, Sarah Giger, and by that marriage had nine children: Ellen, Hartman, Elizabeth, Millin, Daniel (deceased), Henry, Jacob, George (deceased), Sarah (deceased).

John C. Reitz, eldest son of Hartman and Catherine (Gindsparer) Reitz, was born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1838. He enjoyed the advantage of a good education in the common schools of the district, and upon leaving school, at the age of sixteen years, was apprenticed to the trade of millwright. This he followed for a number of years, being also engaged in the building of houses, barns, etc., until 1868. He then turned his attention to the lumber business, in which he was interested for about a year, when he went into a machine shop with one of his brothers. This he continued for about two years, and then sold out his interest and bought the gristmill at Rockwood, which he operated for thirteen years. He disposed of this and then engaged in the lumber trade, which he has continued up to the present time (1906) in West Virginia, having taken his son John W. into the business. He has been successful in his business ventures, displaying energy, determination and good business judgment. He is looked upon as a man of undoubted honesty, integrity and capability. In politics Mr. Reitz is a Prohibitionist.

Mr. Reitz married, January 22, 1857, Mary Keefer, born August 2, 1836, in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Zarfs) Keefer. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the following are now living: Emma J., Rebecca, Rosalie, Mary E., J. W., Bertha. Those who have died are: Catherine, Peter, and an infant child.

SAMUEL H. KANTNER.

Germany was the original home of the family to which Samuel H. Kantner, of Somerset, belongs. Mr. Kantner is the grandson of J. F. Kantner, whose son, John H. Kantner, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, where he received the greater part of his education. He lived four years in Stoystown, where his father established a woolen mill. He subsequently moved to Somerset, and married Emlie Huston.

Samuel H. Kantner, son of John H. and Emlie (Huston) Kantner, was born May 7, 1853, and received his education in the common schools of his birthplace. At the age of fifteen he left school and entered the woolen mill owned and operated by his father. He maintained his connection with the establishment until January, 1906, when he sold the mill to Cook, Ernest & Brown, who organized a stock company and received their charter in May, 1906, and will continue the business as a stock company. Politically he is a Republican, being an advocate and supporter of the men and measures upheld and indorsed by the organization.

Mr. Kantner married, January 26, 1886, Lottie B. Weimer, and they have one child, J. Ralph Kantner. Mrs. Kantner, like her husband, comes from old German stock. She is a great-granddaughter of Frederick Weimer, who was born in Reading, where he received his education in the common schools and passed his life as a blacksmith. Francis E. Weimer, son of Frederick Weimer, was born in Somerset, educated in the common schools of that place, and, like his father, followed the trade of a blacksmith all his life. He married Maria J., daughter of Jacob Stahl, and their children were: Alice; Lottie, born January 8, 1859, in Somerset, and became the wife of Samuel H. Kantner, as mentioned above; Cyrus B.; Frank N.; Alexander C.; Mary M., and Nannie B.

HENRY SHAUD.

Henry Shaud, an industrious farmer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a native of Germany, born March 12, 1835. He came to the United States when he was about twelve years of age, and has ever since followed agricultural pursuits. He is an excellent farmer, and his land is in a high state of cultivation and improvement. He married, in 1863, Sophia Hess, born September 12, 1839, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Shoemaker) Hess. Mr. and Mrs. Shaud have two children, viz.: Laura, born December 30, 1879, and Elsie, May 5, 1883. Laura married E. F. Weimar, and they have one child, Elsie R., born March 2, 1904.

PETER SPEICHER.

Peter Speicher, a farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born October 2, 1851, a son of Jacob and Sallie (Schrock) Spiecher, and grandson of Peter Speicher, who was born in Somerset county and was a farmer by occupation.

Jacob P. Speicher (father) was also a native of Somerset county, and a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Sallie Schrock, and their children were: Pollie, Catherine, Rebecca, William (deceased), Peter (of whom later), Ephraim, Emma and Sadie.

Peter Speicher obtained his education in the common schools of Somerset county, left school at the age of seventeen years, and engaged with his father in the cultivation of the home farm. He and his family are members of the German Baptist church. December 17, 1872, he married Rebecca J. Sipe, of German descent, who was born March 15, 1854, in Sipesville, the daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Beesucker) Sipe, who were the parents of children as follows: Alexander, Nancy, Susan, Sarah, Agnes, Franklin, Rebecca, Michael, Emma, Anna, Edward. Her grandfather was Michael Sipe, who was a native of Somerset county. He married Susanna Bets, a member of a family of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Speicher have six children, namely: Park, born October 16, 1873; Robert, July 25, 1875; Larrie B., December 18, 1881; Harrie B., April 14, 1884; William P., November 24, 1887; and Earl E., October 26, 1891.

ROBERT E. LOCHRIE.

Robert E. Lochrie, of Boswell, was born June 21, 1870, in Scotland, whence his father, Neal Lochrie, emigrated to this country in 1878, settling in Houtsdale, Clearfield county, where he was employed in the mines.

Robert E. Lochrie received his primary education in Scotland, being about eight years old when the family came to the United States. He afterward attended the schools of Clearfield county, and on leaving school went to work in the mines and was there employed until 1899. In that year he established himself in the liquor business at Windber, where he conducted a wholesale store until 1902. He then sold out and moved to Boswell, where he has since been engaged in the same line of business. In 1903 he was elected first burgess of Boswell. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Lochrie married, in 1890, Mary, born March 16, 1871, in France, daughter of Frank and Mary Roland, by whom she was brought to this country when but three years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Lochrie were born four children: Mamie, Jennett, Ruth, Robert.

WILLIAM F. UHL.

William F. Uhl, a prosperous farmer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born April 21, 1836, a son of Charles and Eliza Uhl, and is of German descent.

William F. Uhl obtained his education in the common schools of his native county, and leaving school at the age of eighteen years engaged in milling grain, continuing in this occupation with good success for twenty-two years. He then went into the lumber business, continuing for three years, when he moved to the farm on which he now lives and which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and improvement. In June, 1871, Mr. Uhl married Anna M. Winter, born November 10, 1852, daughter of John and Fannie (Somerland) Winter, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter a native of Birmingham, England, who came to this country with her mother, her father having died in England. Mr. and Mrs. William F. Uhl have children as follows: Florence, married William K. Lambie; William U.; Catherine; John P., and Grace, married Frederick L. Williams.

JUSTUS VOLK.

Justus Volk, of Boswell, was born June 19, 1870, in Germany, and received his education in the schools of his native land. At the age of nineteen he emigrated to the United States and settled in Johnstown, where he worked as a carpenter and cabinetmaker. He then went to South Fork, Pennsylvania, engaged in contracting and building and owned a planing mill and lumber yard for four years. For one year he was engaged in the liquor business, and has also worked as a contractor about four years at Boswell. In 1905 he bought the Merchants' Hotel at Bowell, of which he has since been the proprietor, thus adding one more to his many interests. This is a first class hotel in every particular, being a brick building three stories in height, second to none in the county. He is a member of the Mystic Chain, the Improved Order of Redmen and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Volk married, in 1892, Lizzie Roth, born December 15, 1872, in Johnstown, and their children are Gertrude, Carl, Fredie, Ermie, and Herbert.

GEORGE H. SMITH.

George H. Smith, for many years one of the energetic and prosperous agriculturists of Somerset, was born in Hooversville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1843, a descendant of a family that has long resided in that section of the state. His parents were John L. and Margaret (Crissey) Smith, natives of Somerset county, the former named having been a son of Ludwig Smith, who was born and resided all his lifetime in Somerset county, and the latter a daughter of David Crissey, also a resident of Somerset county.

George H. Smith attended the common schools of Somerset until eighteen years of age. He then served an apprenticeship at the trade of carpenter, which he followed six years with more or less success, after which he turned his attention to farming and followed that pursuit for many years, meeting with very encouraging success. He served three years as director of the poor of Somerset county, and six years as school director. He was a member of the Reformed church, and served as elder of that body for twenty-six years. He served nine months in the Civil war as a member of Company G, Ninety-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the following battles: Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864; Fall of Petersburg, April 2, 1865; Sailors Creek, April 6, 1865. He was a member of the R. P. Cummins Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Somerset, Pennsylvania. He was a Republican in politics. He was always willing and ready to assist in every enterprise which tended to promote the best interests of his township. He died May 15, 1906, aged sixty-two years, eleven months and twenty-seven days, on the farm on which he resided for twenty-six years, which was well improved and carefully cultivated, and which consisted of one hundred and eighty acres.

Mr. Smith married, July 9, 1871, Susan Ankney, born November 30, 1849, daughter of Peter and Mary (Zimmerman) Ankney, and granddaughter of Peter Ankney, who was a prosperous farmer of Somerset county. Peter Ankney was a farmer, served in the Civil war, and died in the hospital at Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had the following children: Huldah W., born February 14, 1872. Russell K., born September 17, 1873, married, June 26, 1901, Mabel S. Brown, daughter of Calvin and Anna (Simmons) Brown, and they are the parents of one child, Nina Grace, born April 26, 1902. Mary M., born February 3, 1876, deceased. Michael Z., born April 28, 1877, married, October 22, 1902, Elizabeth S. Heiple, daughter of Isaac and Louisa (Gonder) Heiple, and they are the parents of one child, Mary Alta, born April 25, 1903. Edmund B., born March 28, 1879. Emma O., born March 28, 1879, married, February 11, 1903, Oscar D. Weigle, born November 28, 1881, son of Jacob and Abbie (Hill) Weigle, and they are the parents of one child, Naomi Ruth, born December 14, 1904. Gertrude R., born June 4, 1880, married, May 22, 1905, Arthur G. Hoffman, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Coleman) Hoffman and they reside at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Jennie E., born April 6, 1882, married, June 28, 1905, Bruce U. P. Cobaugh, son of Daniel and Catharine (Gohn) Cobaugh, and are the parents of one son, George Daniel, born June 18, 1906. Katie Naomi, born May 29, 1884. Alta D., born July 25, 1889.

ANDREW E. BITTNER.

Andrew E. Bittner, a farmer and mail carrier of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Berlin, November 3, 1864, a son of John Bittner, the former a native of Berlin, Germany.

Andrew E. Bittner acquired his education in the common schools of Somerset county, and immediately after leaving the school room entered into his first regular employment as wiredrawer for the Cambria Iron Works. After five years thus occupied he turned his attention to the pursuits of a farmer, in which work he is now engaged. He owns and cultivates a farm of ten acres of fertile, well laid out land. He is an excellent, enterprising farmer and a useful, industrious member of the community. He has served his township as supervisor for several years, and is now a rural free delivery mail carrier.

Mr. Bittner married, June 13, 1890, Maria H. Boyts, a native of Somerset county, who was born July 25, 1870, a daughter of William and Rebecca (Freeman) Boyts. She is of German descent, and the granddaughter of Harry Boyts, who was born in Somerset county, and engages in agricultural pursuits. Her father, William Boyts, was born in Somerset in 1850, is a farmer by occupation and a Republican in politics. He married Rebecca Freeman, who was also born in Somerset township, and of this marriage the following named children were born: Ida, Nora, Sadie, Harry, Charley, Lulu, Frank, Morton. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Bittner have children as follows: Harry W., Elmer G., Robert W., Lloyd, Meldow, and Elsie E.

WILLIAM J. GLESSNER.

William J. Glessner, a prosperous farmer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born April 11, 1856, in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, son of John M. and Mary (Walker) Glessner.

The founder of this family in America was Jacob G. Glessner, a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country when quite young, settling in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Reformed church. The preacher, Rev. Mr. Spangenburg, decided to resign, and held a meeting one day to solicit the congregation to support him for the remainder of his life. He was not an old man, and Mr. Glessner took exception to this move, knowing that the church was in debt and the congregation small. At the close of the meeting, the minister called Mr. Glessner to the back of the church, saying he desired to talk the matter over. As soon as they were alone Mr. Spangenburg pulled out a knife and stabbed Mr. Glessner in the heart, and he died immediately. The minister was the first man to be hanged in Somerset county.

Jacob Glessner, son of Jacob G. Glessner, was born near Berlin, in Somerset county, and was a miller by trade. He married, and among his children was a son, Joseph.

Joseph Glessner, son of Jacob Glessner, was born in Stony Creek township in 1800. He was a farmer by occupation, and also engaged quite extensively in milling. He married Catherine Musser, and they had the following named children:

Susan, Tobias, Jacob. John M., Joseph, Henry, Mary, Catherine, Sarah, Edmond and Eliza.

John M. Glessner, fourth child and third son of Joseph and Catherine (Musser) Glessner, was born in Stony Creek township, November 21, 1832. He followed the quiet but useful occupation of a farmer, and met with good success in this line. His wife was Mary Walker, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Fritz) Walker, and they had children as follows: Catherine; William J., of whom later; Joseph J., deceased; Ida V.; Mary J.; Jacob M.; Edmund, deceased; John, deceased; Melissa E., and Harry H.

William J. Glessner, son of John M. and Mary (Walker) Glessner, obtained a good common school education, and at the age of eighteen years engaged in school teaching, continuing for three terms. He subsequently turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and owns a fine farm in Somerset county, which is in a high state of cultivation and improvement.

He married, July 5, 1877, Sarah Stoy, who was born July 1, 1857, in Somerset, daughter of Conrad and Mary (Buser) Stoy. Mr. and Mrs. Glessner have the following children: Ida B., born October 14, 1878, married Mahlon Landis, and they live with her people; John R., April 22, 1880; Mary E., March 8, 1882, married Edward Forney, and they are members of the Reformed church and live in Stony Creek; Roger W., April 12, 1884; Nellie C., March 27, 1886; J. Blanch, July 14, 1887; Robert H., October 25, 1888; Stella C., August 22, 1890; J. Pius, July 19, 1892; Alvin S., June 19, 1894; Merle K., May 16, 1896; and Ruth, September 16, 1898.

JOSIAH W. FRITZ.

Josiah W. Fritz, an excellent farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born in Pine Hill, July 16, 1836, the son of Daniel and Mary A. (Chorpenning) Fritz.

William Fritz (grandfather) was a native of Ohio, who became one of the pioneer settlers in Pine Hill, Somerset county. He married Hester Shaff. Daniel Fritz (father) was born in Pine Hill, and followed the occupation of a farmer all his life. He was a Republican in politics. He and his wife, Mary A. Chorpenning, who was a native of Milford township, were the parents of the following children: J. Harry, Josiah W., Eliza V., Simon P., Jerome F., Frank A. and Urias, who was a soldier in the Civil war, was present at the battle of Fredericksburg, and died in Libby prison.

After receiving a good common school training, Josiah W. Fritz immediately turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which occupation he has since very successfully and profitably engaged. He is a loyal Republican in his political affiliations, and for six years was engaged in carrying the mail from Bedford to Somerset. In religious faith he is a member of the Lutheran church.

Josiah W. Fritz married, February 21, 1869, Emma Glessner. (For ancestral record of Glessner family, see sketch in this work.) Mrs. Fritz was born in Stony Creek township, June 4, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz are the parents of the following named children: Sadie F., married Theodore Weber; Maggie B., married J. J. Blough, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Webster P.

JOHN H. BARNHART.

John H. Barnhart, of Stoystown, is the son of Abraham Barnhart, a native of Somerset county, where he worked as a day laborer. He married Susan Lape, born in 1845, in Somerset county, and they were the parents of three children: William, John H. (of whom later), and George, born in 1864.

John H. Barnhart, son of Abraham and Susan (Lape) Barnhart, was born December 16, 1862, in Hooversville, Somerset county, and was educated in the common schools, which he attended up to the age of thirteen. He was thereafter variously employed until the occasion of his marriage, when he entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, serving in different capacities until May 1, 1905, when he was promoted to the position of foreman, which he still retains. Mr. Barnhart married, in 1886, Anna A., born July 31, 1868, daughter of Samuel Zimmerman, and their children were: Mary S., born April 18, 1887; Howard E., August 20, 1889; Wilber V., May 6, 1893; and William F. K., January 2, 1902.

MICHAEL ANSELL.

Michael Ansell, of Beachdale, was born March 10, 1839, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, and has always led the life of a farmer. In 1862 he enlisted for a term of three years in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war.

Mr. Ansell married, October 20, 1865, Barbara Henry, born January 5, 1842, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, and their children were: John; Elizabeth; Ettie, married Charles B. Critchfield, son of John M. Critchfield, a prominent farmer of Milford township; William; David; Catharine, and Jacob, deceased. Mrs. Ansell died March 26, 1896, and on October 27, 1898, Mr. Ansell married Helen, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Flickinger) Zigler, both of German descent.

Catharine Ansell, daughter of Michael and Barbara (Henry) Ansell, married, March 2, 1902, Clarence Critchfield, and they have three children: Jacob, born August 22, 1903;

Louisa B., October 10, 1904, and John, February 25, 1905. Mr. Critchfield is a grandson of Jacob Critchfield, a native of Somerset county and a farmer, whose son, also Jacob Critchfield, was born in 1851, in Milford township, and has always been engaged in the milling business. He is a Democrat in politics. Mr. Critchfield married Louisa ———, born in 1855, in Block township, and they have been the parents of the following children: Elmer, Grace, Mary, Clarence, James, Ruth, Norman, and Joseph, deceased.

Clarence Critchfield, son of Jacob and Louisa (———) Critchfield, was born November 7, 1881, was educated in the common schools of Somerset county, and is now a prosperous farmer. He married, as mentioned above, Catharine Ansell, born August 3, 1885, in Middle Creek township.

ORRIE LANSBERRY.

Orrie Lansberry, of Rockwood, is the son of Jasper Lansberry, who was born in 1858, in Clearfield county, and has always given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He married Manda, born in 1859, in Gray Hamton, Clearfield county, daughter of Levi and Mary (Graphon) Pierce.

Orrie Lansberry, son of Jasper and Manda (Pierce) Lansberry, was born January 18, 1877, in Clearfield county, where he received his education in the common schools. At the age of fifteen he left school and went to work in the mines. He next entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, serving as fireman until January 1, 1905, when he was promoted to the position of engineer, which he still retains. Mr. Lansberry married, May 10, 1905, Clara Tayman, born September 14, 1878, in Somerset county.

CHARLES O. WALKER.

Charles O. Walker, of Somerset, was born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1877. His grandfather, Moses Walker, a farmer of Stony Creek township, and a staunch Republican, married Sarah Kimmell, and they reared a family of thirteen children, as follows: Edward, Susan A., Julia, Norman, Jane, Grace, Abraham, Samuel (deceased), Henrietta, Sadie, Nellie, Robert, and William M. Walker. William M. Walker, father of Charles O. Walker, was born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county. He married Addie Dunmire, who bore him the following children: Albert, deceased; Charles O., of whom later; Grace, and Minnie R. Walker.

Charles O. Walker acquired a practical education in the common schools of Somerset county, which he attended until he was eighteen years old. He then engaged in lumbering, and has followed that occupation in connection with agricultural pursuits ever since, thereby gaining a comfortable livelihood. He is the owner of a coal mine of fourteen acres, located less than a mile from the town of Somerset, which he is operating at the present time, the shaft being seventy-five feet deep; and from this he derives a goodly income, the coal being of a good quality. Since attaining his majority Mr. Walker has cast his vote with the Republican party, the principles of which he earnestly advocates.

Mr. Walker married, November 21, 1901, Henrietta C. Long, born in Stony Creek township, Somerset county, September 22, 1880, a daughter of Herman and Sarah (Kimmell) Long. Their children are: J. Harry, born June 2, 1902; Engene T., January 31, 1904.

SAMUEL U. SHOBER.

Samuel U. Shober, a farmer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, April 7, 1853, the son of George and Leah (Berkley) Shober and grandson of Jacob Shober, who was a native of Maryland, and a school teacher by occupation. This family originally came from Switzerland.

George W. Shober (father) was born September 15, 1826, in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He taught school for some years and later turned his attention to farming. He married Leah Berkley, born January 27, 1833, in Brothers Valley township, and three of their four children were: Samuel, of whom later; James M., and Leanora V.

Samuel U. Shober obtained his early education in the common schools of Somerset county, and later attended the Berlin Normal school. He engaged in school teaching for five terms, and was very successful in this occupation. He is now engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is the owner of a finely cultivated and improved farm. He is a Republican in politics, and has served his township as school director, county auditor for one term and county commissioner for two terms. He and his family are regular and consistent members of the German Baptist church.

Mr. Shober married, September 26, 1872, Sarah E. Kimmell, born September 19, 1855, a daughter of Daniel and Emeline (Landis) Kimmell, and is of German descent. Her grandfather, Jonathan Kimmell, was born in Stony Creek township, and was a farmer by occupation. Her father, Daniel Kimmell, was also a native of Stony Creek township. He, also, followed the life of a farmer. He was a Republican in politics. His wife was Emeline Landis, and their children were as follows: Jacob O., Mary Jane, Susan Emma, Sarah E. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shober, as follows: 1. Ulysses, born February 5, 1874, a graduate of the State Normal school at Lockhaven. He married Nannie B. Kimmill, a daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Baker) Kimmill, and of this union two children were born—Elizabeth J. and Florence. 2. Laura J., born November 26, 1875, in Brothers Valley township. She married Homer R. Knipper, a son of Jacob and Susan (Raymond) Knipper, and they have two children: Elwood S. and Clarence. 3. Clinton K., born April 23, 1879, in Brothers Valley township. He married Ada M. Rayman, a daughter of Jerry J. and Rebecca (Schrack) Rayman, and they have one child—Ralph Waldo Emerson. 4. Marling M., born April 16, 1890, in Somerset township.

FRANK B. FLUCK.

Frank B. Fluck, a surveyor of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born May 29, 1854, in South Woodbury township, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, the son of John B. and Mary (Ober) Fluck.

John Fluck, father, was born in South Woodbury township, Bedford county, September 29, 1829, and followed the pursuits of farming, surveying and lumbering. He married Mary Ober, born August 17, 1829, the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Garretson) Ober. They had three children, namely: Frank B., of whom later; Melissa J., and Harry O., deceased.

Frank B. Fluck obtained his educational training in the schools of Bedford county, and at the age of twenty-two commenced school teaching, an occupation which he followed for ten years. He was well qualified for this line of work and achieved excellent success as a teacher. He then learned surveying, and has since been engaged at this profession. He was employed in a land office at Harrisburg from May, 1883, until August, 1887. He then returned to Bedford county, where he continued until September, 1894, when he removed to Somerset, where he opened an office in 1897. Mr. Fluck is still engaged at Somerset, and has met with the most gratifying success in his business career.

Frank B. Fluck married, December 25, 1882, Martha J. Pennel, born February 4, 1858, in Fulton county, Pennsylvania. They have six children, namely: Ira, married Mabel Holsapple; Guy; Mary A.; Rosalind; John J., and Harold.

WILLIAM E. PARKS.

William E. Parks, of Rockwood, is a grandson of Joseph Parks, who was born in 1814, in Sheffield, England. In 1820 he was brought to the United States and thenceforth lived in Johnstown. He became an engineer and ran the first engine out of Johnstown on Plane No. 1, the road being then controlled by the state. He was the first road foreman on the Pennsylvania railroad, serving until two years ago when he was put upon the pension list. Mr. Parks married Rebecca, daughter of Louis and Mary (Gorman) Cupp, and their children were: George, of whom later; Mary, Rubella, Kate, and Phoebe.

George Parks, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Cupp) Parks, was born October 2, 1851, in Johnstown, where he obtained his education in the common schools. At the age of thirteen he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and one year later was made fireman. After serving in this capacity two years and a half he was promoted to the position of engineer, which he has filled ever since. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Parks married Anna, daughter of D. W. and Anna (Tringle) Colter, the latter the daughter of the Rev. Daniel Tringle. Mr. Colter is the son of D. W. Colter, postmaster of East Conemaugh. The Colter family is of German origin. D. W. Colter, Jr., received his education in Willmore. He is a Republican in politics. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Anna, wife of George Parks; W. P., merchant on Franklin street, Johnstown; Thomas P.; D. P., merchant on Main street, Johnstown; Dorothy, wife of James Gettimer, engineer on Pennsylvania railroad; and Emma, widow of ——— Foste, for many years conductor on Pennsylvania railroad and killed on the road. Mr. and Mrs. Parks have children: Gertrude, Blanche, Caleb, William E., of whom later; Lillian, Ruby, and Edward.

William E. Parks, son of George and Anna (Colter) Parks, was born December 4, 1884, in Rockwood, and received his education in the common schools of Rockwood. He married Sarah Hay, born November 9, 1886, and they have one child, Howard, born May 23, 1904. Mrs. Parks is a native of Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Herman and Dora (McNeal) Hay, the former a farmer. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Hay consisted of the following children: Sarah, wife of William E. Parks; Harry, Ried, and Frances.

PEARSON LOHR.

The family of which Pearson Lohr, of Stoystown, is a representative, is of German origin, having been founded in this country by George Lohr, a native of the Fatherland.

Jasper G. Lohr was born in Stoystown, Pennsylvania, and was a farmer by occupation. Politically he is a Republican. He married Elizabeth Wilt, a native of Somerset county, and their children were: Ephraim, deceased; Manda, Ellen, Ostien, Pearson, of whom later; Malinda Yoader, Alice Wechinhser, and

Cornelius. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Lohr married Nancy Custer, and their children were: Julia, Obadiah, Hester, deceased; Newton, Elizabeth, deceased; Annanias, Isaac, deceased; Curtin, Lincoln, deceased; and Grant. The father of the family died March 6, 1906, nearly ninety-three years of age.

Pearson Lohr, son of Jasper G. and Elizabeth (Wilt) Lohr, was born November 20, 1842, in Somerset county, where he received his education in the common schools. Since leaving school he has devoted himself continuously to agricultural pursuits. He is an adherent of the Republican party. He and his wife have been for thirty-eight years members of the United Brethren church, and for many years he was an official member.

Mr. Lohr married, January 18, 1866, Hester Specht, and their children were: Mary J., born November 6, 1866; John B., March 7, 1868, died June 20, 1878; Elizabeth, November 21, 1869, died May 18, 1878; Abi C., January 8, 1871, died June 15, 1878; Frank S., August 11, 1873, died June 7, 1878; Robert, July 8, 1875, died November 8, 1883; Annie M., January 24, 1877; David S., October 3, 1878; Harry G., September 18, 1880, died October 27, 1883: Florence M., May 28, 1882, wife of Elmer Poyts; James B., November 29, 1884, married Catharine Beach; and Joseph A., March 18, 1886.

Mrs. Lohr is a granddaughter of Andrew Specht, a native of Somerset county, who married Rebecca Pisel, by whom he was the father of the following children: George, Samuel, Jacob, Susan, wife of ——— Kobel; Sarah, wife of ——— Goon; Evel, wife of Jacob Brubaker; and David, who was born in Somerset county and married Elizabeth Kimmel, who bore him the following children: Hester, born December 8, 1844, in Shade township, wife of Pearson Lohr; Sarah, deceased; Franklin, and Josiah.

HIRAM FISHER.

Hiram Fisher, a practical farmer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born August 25, 1864, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bock) Fisher. Samuel Fisher was born in 1823, in Somerset county, and was a farmer by occupation. He was a soldier in the civil war, and in church connections a Lutheran. His wife, Elizabeth Bock, was born in 1828 in Somerset county, a daughter of Joseph and Sadie (Baker) Bock. Their children: Edward, Morton, Ellen, Hiram, of whom later; Ida. The death of Samuel Fisher occurred June 4, 1905.

Hiram Fisher received his education in the common schools of Somerset county, and at the age of eighteen left the schoolroom and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has since been engaged in farming, in which he has achieved the most gratifying success. In political affiliations he is a stanch Republican. He married, February 13, 1886, Roxie Kelley, born November 10, 1869, in Blair county, and of this union four children were born, viz.: Lizzie, in 1886; Edna, September 29, 1893; Linnie, June 25, 1896; and Katie, February 5, 1898. They all reside at home with their parents. Mrs. Fisher is the daughter of Elijah and Catherine (Launtz) Kelley. Elijah Kelley was born in 1838 in Blair county, and was by trade a contractor and builder. His wife, Catherine Launtz, was the daughter of Samuel Launtz. Their children: Libbie, Ida, Roxie (Mrs. Fisher), Lillie, Blanche, Bertha, David. The Kelleys are of Irish descent, Mrs. Fisher's grandfather having emigrated to this country from Ireland.

JOHN WILBERT WATKINS.

John Wilbert Watkins, of Rockwood, is the son of Nathaniel Watkins, who was born December 23, 1823, in Wales, died January 15, 1870, aged forty-nine years. He came to this country as a boy and was employed in foundries as a carpenter and moulder. Mr. Watkins married Mrs. Eliza Jenkins, of Alexander, Huntingdon county, born June 19, 1827, and their children were: Sarah C., born September 23, 1846; Percila J., June 8, 1848; Mary E., March 20, 1851; John Wilbert, of whom later; Ruth, April 26, 1858; Alice C., May 31, 1860; Fannie, December 4, 1862; and Nathaniel, April 29, 1865.

John Wilbert Watkins, son of Nathaniel and Eliza (Jenkins) Watkins, was born May 29, 1850, in Elk Lick township, and received his education in the common schools of Huntingdon county, leaving school at the age of twelve years and working for neighboring farmers until sixteen years of age, when he entered the mines. February 25, 1864, he enlisted as drummer boy in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and after serving nine months was honorably discharged. He then went to Alexander, Huntingdon county, where he engaged in mining, and has ever since been identified with the coal industry. He is now superintendent of the Shamrock mines of Rockwood and the South Side mines of Garrett. He affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Sons of America and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Watkins married, January 18, 1880, Mary Anne Swope, born November 11, 1858, and their children were: Wilbert, deceased; Carrie Hite; Lillian E.; Callahan; Florence, at home; Virginia, deceased; Pearl, at home; John, in Pittsburg; Edwin, and Morris, deceased. Mrs. Watkins is a daughter of William Corbin, a native of Huntingdon county, who was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad and was killed while serving in the army during the civil war. His wife was Rebecca Shaw, a native of Huntingdon township, and their children were: Mary Emma, Lena F., Fair, and Elmira Nettie Pheasant. The family is of Scotch extraction.

JACOB O. KIMMEL.

Jacob O. Kimmel, a leading and practical farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born in Stony Creek township, January 4, 1853, a son of Daniel and Emeline (Landis) Kimmel. Daniel Kimmel (father) was born in 1829, and always has followed the occupation of a farmer. He is a staunch Republican in politics. He and his wife, Emeline Landis, have the following children: Jacob O., of whom later; Sarah, married Samuel U. Shober; Mary J.; married Frank Coleman, the son of Jacob Coleman; and Emma S., married James L. Winters, a farmer of Somerset.

Jacob O. Kimmel acquired his intellectual training in the common schools of his native place and the Berlin Normal school. Upon leaving school, he immediately engaged in his present occupation, that of farmer. In his political affiliations he accords with the principles advanced by the Republican party, and is deeply interested in all party affairs. Mr. Kimmel married, June 20, 1878, Mary E. Weyand, a daughter of Michael and Sarah (Walker) Weyand, and two children were born to them: Mary; Daniel, deceased.

THOMAS Z. RINGLER.

Thomas Z. Ringler, of Stoystown, is the grandson of Jacob Ringler, who was a farmer by occupation. His son, also Jacob Ringler, was born August 7, 1814, in Roxbury, Somerset county, and was a farmer and hotel keeper. He served in the Union army during the civil war, and was a Republican in politics. Mr. Ringler married Mary Warner, a native of Germany, widow of Jacob Heckman, and their children were: John R., deceased; Zachariah Y., deceased; James A.; Harry J., deceased; Charles H., deceased; Thomas Z., of whom later; and Harry J.

Thomas Z. Ringler, son of Jacob and Mary (Warner) Ringler, was born November 25, 1859, in Allegheny township, Somerset county, where he obtained his education in the common schools. At the age of twelve he left school and went to work in a woolen factory, afterward engaging in the brick business at Johnstown. In 1884 he moved to Stoystown.

Mr. Ringler married Julia M. Wingard, born January 3, 1857, and their children were: Charles C., born February 1, 1878; Mary Almira, April 15, 1880; and Effie, died in infancy. Charles C. Ringler married, July 19, 1898, Fannie Berkebile, daughter of Philip and Evaline (Grimm) Berkebile, the former having served with the rank of captain in the civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Ringler have two children: Merdeth C., born December 24, 1900; and Earl Lewis, March 15, 1904. Mary Almira Ringler married, June 7, 1904, Newton A., born December 25, 1880, in Shade township, son of Harrison and Martha J. (Wolford) Lohr. Mrs. Ringler is a daughter of Leavie and Mary (Penrod) Wingard, whose other children are: Zachariah, Charles, Daniel, John, and Rebecca. Mr. Wingard was born in Brothers Valley township, and passed his life as a farmer. His father was a native of Germany.

MORRIS W. SPEICHER.

Morris W. Speicher, a farmer and esteemed resident of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born January 7, 1877, a son of Ephraim and Annie (Simpson) Speicher, and grandson of Jacob and Sarah Speicher. On the maternal side Mr. Speicher's grandfather was Solomon Simpson.

Morris W. Speicher obtained a common school education in Somerset county, engaged in school teaching for six years, and has since followed the quiet but useful occupation of a farmer. He is a member of the German Baptist church, and his wife attends the Reformed church. In 1896 Mr. Speicher married Cora Heminger, born August 1, 1878, daughter of Jacob and Mary Heminger, and they have children as follows: Clyde, born April 10, 1897; Mary, June 17, 1898; James, January 4, 1900; Leora, June 4, 1901; George, August 31, 1903, and Hazel, January 17 1905.

HERBERT O. BEEGLE.

Herbert O. Beegle, of Stoystown, is the son of Job M. Beegle, who was a blacksmith and a native of New Paris. He married Sarah M. Slick, born in Bedford county, and their children were: Emmanuel S., Calvin J., Charles, William, Herbert O., of whom later; Franklin M., John S., Job, Sarah Odilla, and Anna B.

Herbert O. Beegle, son of Job and Sarah M. (Slick) Beegle, was born December 18, 1865, in New Paris, Bedford county, and obtained his education in the Soldiers' Orphan School, White Hall, Cumberland county, which he attended until reaching the age of fifteen. He then engaged for ten years in farming, after which he went to learn the blacksmith's trade with John H. Beegle, and in 1893 opened a shop of his own at Wolfsburg Post Office, Bedford county, whence he moved to New Baltimore, thence to Kantner Post Office, from that place to Hooversville, and from Hooversville to Stoystown.

Mr. Beegle married, September 15, 1890, Mary Alice Jordan, and their children are: Katie, born March 4, 1892; Nora M., March 15, 1893; Oscar H., June 29, 1894; Herbert F., December 20, 1896; Ellen M., September 18, 1899; Harry R., August 15, 1901; and Charles W., October 31, 1903. Mrs. Beegle is a daughter of Michael Jordan, who was born in Somerset county and is a farmer. He married Alwilda, daughter of Bailey and Margaret (Roab) Hughs, and their children are: Minnie, wife of Charles Gilchrist; Mary Alice, born August 11, 1868, in New Baltimore, wife of Herbert O. Beegle; Henry A., Susan, deceased; Rosie, William, Ellen, Bertha, wife of Horace Jaxion; John, Robert, Edna, Paul, and Grace. They reside in New Baltimore.

JOHN B. MOSHOLDER.

John B. Mosholder, of Somerset, is the son of William Mosholder, who was born in Stony Creek township and passed his life in devotion to agricultural pursuits. He married Nancy Flamm, also a native of Stony Creek township, and their children were: William, John B., the sole surviving member of the family, of whom later; Caroline, Edward, and Oliver O.

John B. Mosholder, son of William and Nancy (Flamm) Mosholder, was born in Stony Creek township, where he attended the common schools until arriving at his twentieth year. From that time until 1898 he was engaged in farming with his father, and then purchased a place in Somerset, on which he is now leading a retired life. He has held all the township offices including that of overseer of the poor. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Mosholder married, January 29, 1873, Sarah A., born September 5, 1852, in Somerset county, daughter of Johnathan and Barbara (Huff) Dunmire, and they were the parents of two children: William J., born September 13, 1875; and Lillie L., July 7, 1880. Both of these children are deceased, and the death of their mother occurred October 20, 1896. She is interred in Stony Creek township cemetery. Mr. Mosholder married, June 3, 1898, Catherine Miller, widow of John J. Miller.

ALBERT W. HEMINGER.

Albert W. Heminger, a prosperous agriculturist of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was born in the county in which he now resides, Somerset, September 11, 1862, a son of Josiah and Belinda (Dell) Heminger, and grandson of David Heminger.

The common schools of his native county afforded Albert W. Heminger the means of obtaining a practical education, and after the completion of his studies he chose as a means of livelihood the occupation of farming, which he has followed continuously up to the present time. He is practical and progressive, and his well-tilled fields indicate the careful supervision of a thorough and painstaking farmer. He is a Republican in politics.

In 1882 Mr. Heminger was united in marriage to Nanie C. Shaffer, born August 20, 1862, daughter of Henry and Eliza Shaffer, the mother of Mrs. Heminger having come to this country from Germany with her parents at the early age of two years. Two children were the issue of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Heminger—George H. and Maggie E.—both of whom reside at home.

JOHN K. LUTZKE.

John Lutzke, of Boswell, was born November 2, 1878, in Europe, and is a son of John Lutzke, also a native of Europe, who emigrated to the United States and settled at Hazelton, where he engaged in farming. He has recently retired from active labor. Mr. Lutzke married, before leaving his native country, Mary Zezock, and their children were: John K., of whom later; George, Joseph, Andrew, Michael, Stephen, and Mary.

John K. Lutzke, son of John and Mary (Zezock) Lutzke, was brought to this country by his parents at the age of one year and obtained his education in the common schools of Hazelton. At that place he learned the jeweler's trade, which he followed for five years at Windber, whence he removed, in 1902, to Boswell, where he has since remained.

WILLIAM H. SHAFFER.

William H. Shaffer, a farmer of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born June 12, 1853, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Shaffer, and grandson of Henry and Elizabeth Shaffer. His maternal grandfather was John Hoffman.

William H. Shaffer obtained a common school education in his native county, and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He is an excellent farmer, and an industrious, useful citizen. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, and a member of Christ church. In 1877 Mr. Shaffer married Mary Brown, and two children were born to them, viz: Mabel P., and Carroll U. After the death of his first wife, in 1900, Mr. Shaffer married Minnie Mostoller, a daughter of Daniel and Charlotte Mostoller. To this union was born one child, Harold Lester, November 21, 1905.

WILLIAM H. SUTER.

William H. Suter, of Stoyestown Station, is a son of Anthonsia Suter, a native of Germany, who came to this country at the age of fifteen years and engaged in farming. He married Margaret Snyder, and their children were: Mary, wife of Samuel Spangler; William, H., of whom later; John, deceased; Ellen, wife of David Limmerman; Frank married Rachel Crissey; and Lewis married Jerusha A. Colter.

William H. Suter, son of Anthonsia and Margaret (Snyder) Suter, was born April 5, 1844, in Shade township, and received his education in the common schools of his native county, which he attended until reaching the age of fifteen, when he engaged in farming. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a term of three years, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Talopotomy, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Hutchins' Run, Dodney Mills, Boydton Roads, and Five Forks. He was confined three months in Libby prison. During the last four years he has conducted a general store at Stoyestown Station.

Mr. Suter married, in 1868, Julia, born in 1844, in Jenner township, daughter of Frederick and Anna (Betts) Beasecker, and they were the parents of two sons, both of whom are deceased; Frederick F. and Calvin C. Mrs. Suter died in 1899 and is buried in Stoyestown. Mr. Suter married (second) Mrs. Phoebe Moon, daughter of Chauncey and Catharine (Nicholson) Dwire. The former was born in Somerset county and was a farmer. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Phoebe, wife of William H. Suter; Silas married Dora Nicholson; Newton B. married Maud Friend; and Mary C., wife of John S. Mort.

JOSIAH WOY.

Josiah Woy, a prosperous farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born in Somerset township, November 8, 1842, a son of John and Catherine (Wendell) Woy. His paternal grandfather was Andrew Woy, a native of Germany, who came to this country, settling in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in a very early day of its settling. It is said that on his journey to America the vessel in which he sailed commenced to leak, and only for Mr. Woy's skillful work in repairing it, all the passengers would probably have been drowned. The maternal grandfather of Josiah Woy was Isaac Wendell, who lived to the age of one hundred and three years. He was a millwright by trade and built the dam and mill at Sprucetown which still stand. The story is told that when he was a boy of fifteen he was captured by the Indians, with whom he lived for over twelve years. He was a distinguished hunter and excellent marksman, and after twelve years was enabled to escape from the red men, and get back once more to civilization.

Josiah Woy obtained a common school education in Somerset county, and immediately turned his attention to the occupation of farming, and this he has followed in connection with mining and saw milling all his life. He now resides on a farm in Somerset township, which is one of the prettiest and most highly cultivated in that section. Politically Mr. Woy is a strong defender of the principles of the Republican party, and he and his family are members of the Lutheran church.

In 1864 Josiah Woy was united in marriage to Sarah Frank, who was born September 1, 1840, a daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth (Will) Frank. Their children were: 1. John, born October 27, 1866; married Nora Cunningham; they have two children, Eugenie and Ruth. 2. Frank, October 7, 1868; married Mary Zinn; they have three children, Marion, Magdalena and Florence. 3. Wilson, May 17, 1871; married Nellie Spangler. 4. Minnie, May 4, 1873; married C. E. Walker, and they have three children, Leland, Harold and Ernest. 5. Mary, October 11, 1875; married Ward Saylor, and they have one child, a son, Kenneth. 6. Sarah, October 2, 1878; married Chauncy Weimar.

JAMES L. WINTERS.

James L. Winters, a representative citizen and a prosperous farmer of Lull, is a native of Somerset township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, born May 21, 1866. His parents, John and Jane (Bowman) Winters, reared a family of seven children, the names of the others being as follows: Johanna, who became the wife of James Blough; issue: one child, Ira Blough. Thomas G., unmarried, a printer by trade, resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Jacob, proprietor of the Vannear Hotel, of Somerset; he married Nora Stein, daughter of John Stein. Margaret, unmarried, resides in Somerset. Robert, married Fanny Spangler, who bore him four children: Melvin, Dianna, Mary and Grace. Grace, who became the wife of Ernest Koontz, a farmer. John Winters (father) was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, was a farmer by occupation, but is now leading a retired life, enjoying to the full the consciousness of duties well performed.

The common schools of Somerset county afforded James L. Winters the means of obtaining a practical education, and upon the completion of his studies, at the age of seventeen years, he began farming on his own account, and by industry, energy and close application has succeeded in providing a comfortable home for his family. He is practical and progressive in his methods, his farm is well cultivated and improved, equipped with all the necessary outbuildings, and in every way ranks high among the productive farms for which that section of the county

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is noted. Mr. Winters is a Republican in politics, aiding to the best of his ability in the success and welfare of that party.

On March 5, 1885, Mr. Winters married Susan Kimmell, born July 17, 1862, daughter of Daniel and Emmeline Kimmell. Their children are as follows: Jacob O., born August 19, 1886; John B., February 20, 1887; and Lillian P., October 3, 1898.

FREDERICK HALBROCK.

Among Somerset county's German-American citizens must be numbered Frederick Halbrock, of Somerset. Mr. Halbrock's father, also Frederick Halbrock, was born in the town of Linse, province of Brunswick, Germany, and came to this country in the autumn of 1868. He landed in Baltimore, whence he moved to Southampton township, Somerset county, and in the spring of 1871 went to Somerset township, where he purchased a farm and passed the remainder of his life. Frederick Halbrock, Sr. married Caroline Presuhn, and their children were: Emma; Frederick, of whom later; Albert; Lennie; and Ruth, who was the only one born in the United States, and who died April 4, 1879, in Somerset. The death of Mr. Halbrock occurred December 22, 1893, and was quickly followed by that of his wife, who passed away July 16, 1894.

Frederick Halbrock, son of Frederick and Caroline (Presuhn) Halbrock. was born December 3, 1855, in Wangelstedt, province of Brunswick, Germany, and received his education in his native country. After the family came to the United States he engaged in farming. In 1894, after the death of his parents, he bought out the interest of the other heirs, and so became the possessor of the homestead, which has since been his home and which he cultivates successfully, raising large quantities of fruit. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Halbrock married, June 12, 1895, Maggie Vogel, and their children are: Anna A., born October 19, 1898; Francis B., born December 22, 1902; and Rhea Caroline, born October 1, 1904. Mrs. Halbrock is a daughter of Leonard Vogel, who was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, and at the age of twenty-one emigrated to the United States. He married Barbara Leophart, and their children were: Maggie, born April 27, 1864, in Freeden, Somerset county, and became the wife of Frederick Halbrock, as mentioned above; Lizzie, John, Anna, George, Magdaline, and Minnie, deceased.

KENDALL FAMILY.

The Kendalls originally came from Germany, and at an early date settled in Maryland, at Hagerstown, where Christian Kendall, grandfather of Samuel A. and Jacob L. Kendall, was born. He was a farmer by occupation, and a man of integrity and strong character. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and politically was a Whig. He married Hannah Leydig, and to them were born twelve children, eight sons and four daughters: Samuel and Jonathan, twins; John, of whom further hereafter; Jacob, Jesse, Levi, George, Andrew, Lydia, Betsey, Mary and Rebecca. Of these children four are living at this date, 1906: Rebecca (Mrs. Balaam Shoemaker), in her seventy-seventh year; Mary, unmarried; Jonathan, a retired farmer living at Kendall's Mills, in his ninety-seventh year; and Andrew, also a retired farmer living at the Mills, in his seventy-first year.

John C. Kendall, son of Christian and Hannah (Leydig) Kendall, was born in Southampton township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, June 5, 1817. His early life was spent on the farm of his father, who had previously removed from Maryland. He learned the carpenter's trade, and became a noted barn builder. He personally selected the trees from which to cut each particular timber needed in the structure, felled the trees, and prepared each piece for its own use—all this for a building, perhaps, miles distant. When the frame was all prepared, the parts would be collected and drawn to the desired location, the neighbors for miles about would be notified, and then followed an old-time "barn raising" lasting all day, or, in case of a particularly large and heavy building, two days or more. In 1849 Mr. Kendall married, and removed to Greenville township, where he began housekeeping in a log cabin on the farm, which is still in possession of the family, and where Samuel and Jacob L. Kendall have built a summer home. Here John C. Kendall lived the remainder of his days, tilling and improving his farm, and working at his trade. In time the log cabin was succeeded by a comfortable farm dwelling, and here his children were born. Mr. Kendall was a Republican in politics, and rendered useful service to the community in various important stations. For twenty-five years he was a justice of the peace in Greenville township. Himself denied the advantages of the present public school system, he rightly appreciated its value, and was deeply interested in its maintenance and improvement, to this end serving several terms as school director. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, belonging to the Greenville congregation.

John C. Kendall married, December 12, 1850, Elizabeth Miller, born October 20, 1826, a daughter of David Miller, of Greenville township, and of a noted and influential Somerset county family. Nine children were born of this marriage: 1. John C., was for twenty-two years city superintendent of the Homestead (Pennsylvania) public schools, and is now treasurer of the Kendall Lumber Company. He has been twice married, and both wives are deceased. His home is in Meyersdale, which is also the home of his only child, Mary Elizabeth Kendall. 2. Rachel, married Joseph E. Baker; resides on the old Kendall homestead. 3. Abigail, married John W. Baker, and lives in Meyersdale; they have children: Robert and Edna. 4. David P., died at the age of eighteen years. 5. Samuel A., see forward. 6. Jacob L., see forward. 7. Susan, married John H. Rembold, a farmer of Greenville township; their children are: Leroy, Minnie, Joseph, Ulysses, Rachel and Marie; three children are deceased: Jacob, Fanny and James. 8. Ulysses S., a graduate from Yale College, with degree of A.B., and from Yale Law School with degree of LL.B.; he has served as mayor of Fairmont, West Virginia, and is at present a judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, West Virginia; he is unmarried. 9. Martha Marie, principal of second ward school, Homestead, Pennsylvania.

John C. Kendall, the father of this family, died January 30, 1888. His widow, Elizabeth, survived him, passing away October 30, 1905, in her eightieth year.

HON. SAMUEL A. KENDALL.

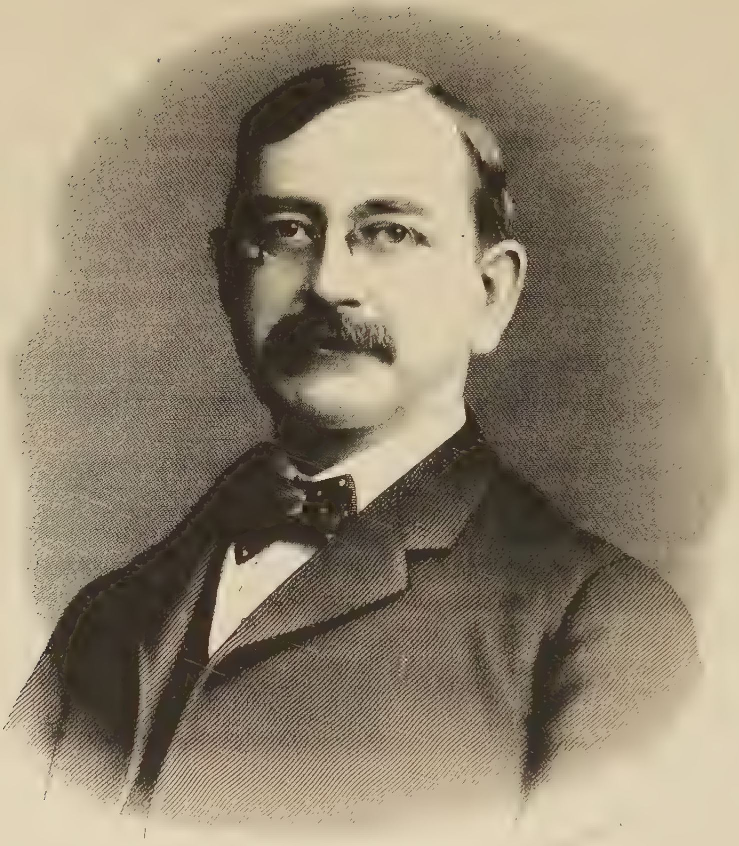
Hon. Samuel A. Kendall, fifth child and third son of John C. and Elizabeth (Miller) Kendall, was born on the homestead farm in Greenville township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1859. He received his education in the common and normal schools of the county, and received a teacher's certificate. He began teaching at the early age of sixteen, and for five years taught in Somerset county—one year in Greenville township, and four years in Elk Lick. In 1881 he removed to Iowa and for nine years taught in the schools of that state, one year in the school at Liscomb; one year as principal of the Albion schools; one year as principal of the Mapleton schools, and five years as principal of the Jefferson schools. In 1890 Mr. Kendall abandoned his chosen profession, in which he had been very successful, and returned to Pennsylvania, locating at Rockwood, where he engaged in the lumber business, and remained four years, when he removed to Meyersdale, where he now resides in his beautiful home on North Street.

Mr. Kendall's business interests are exceedingly large and varied. He first embarked in the lumber business under the firm name of S. A. Kendall, and later with his brother, Jacob L. Kendall, formed the Yough Manor Lumber Company, successors to A. Knabb Company. In 1905 they bought out the Preston Lumber and Coal Company of Oakland, Maryland, and formed the Kendall Lumber Company, taking over and consolidating all the other company interests. The officers of the Kendall Lumber Company are: Jacob L. Kendall, president;

Samuel A. Kendall, vice-president; John C. Kendall, treasurer; and J. H. Henderson, secretary. Their offices are in the House Building, Pittsburg. The Kendall Company have the largest timber and lumber interests in Maryland, and do an immense business. Their largest mill is at Crellin, Maryland, where they have built and practically own an entire town. Another large mill is at Kendall, Maryland. Mr. Kendall, with his brother, Jacob L. Kendall, owns the controlling interest in the Ohio Pyle Company, which bought and owns the former vast "Stewart estate," with all its coal, timber, hotels and farm holdings. The original Stewart grant was deeded by authority of the English crown, and an interesting feature of the deed (and which is still being inserted) is, that a certain percentage of all gold and silver found on the estate shall belong to the crown of England.

Mr. Kendall is vice-president of the Ohio Pyle Company, president of the Listonburg Coal Mining Company, and a director of the Meyersdale Coal Company, the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale, the First National Bank of Addison, Pennsylvania, and the Garrett Water Company, of Garrett; and owns a controlling interest in the Meyersdale Planing Mill. In 1900 Mr. Kendall founded the *Meyersdale Republican,* bought a three-story brick building, and installed a new and complete modern newspaper and job printing plant. The Republican is the leading party organ of the county, and is a prosperous enterprise. Mr. Kendall has large property interests in Northampton township, Somerset county, and in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, also in Maryland. He is a member and trustee of the Meyersdale Lutheran church. In politics he takes a deep and active interest. He is a Republican of the stanchest type, and shares with Banking Commissioner Berkey the leadership of the party in Somerset county. He has been school director, and served four years in the state legislature, from 1899 to 1903, inclusive. He has also served the borough of Meyersdale as councilman. Fraternally he is a past master of Meyersdale Lodge No. 554, Free and Accepted Masons; past high priest of Chapter No. 272, Royal Arch Masons; member of Tancred Commandery, Knights Templar, and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., the two latter bodies of Pittsburg. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen and Heptasophs, of Meyersdale, and the Order of Elks, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Shortly after locating in Iowa, Mr. Kendall met Miss Minnie E. Wiley, of Liscomb, Iowa, to whom he was married September 23, 1883. Mrs. Kendall is a daughter of Jonas T. and Carrie (Van Nest) Wiley, her father being a farmer, and a skilled mechanical worker in iron and steel. Mrs. Kendall received her education in the public schools and at the Iowa State



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Normal School. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall are: Grace Maeona, who will graduate from Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, with the class of 1907; Samuel Austin; and John Wiley.

On the old Kendall homestead, at the edge of a deep woods, Samuel A. Kendall and his brother, Jacob L. Kendall, have built a handsome and commodious summer home, where they spend two months of each year with their families, amid the scenes of their childhood.

JACOB L. KENDALL.

Jacob L. Kendall, sixth child and fourth son of John C. and Elizabeth (Miller) Kendall, was born on the homestead farm previously mentioned, December 29th, 1861.

He remained at home, working on the parental farm and attending the district schools until he reached the age of nineteen, when, deciding upon a business career, he left home and entered the employ of the Salisbury Lumber Company, at Salisbury, where he remained for eighteen months, serving in the capacity of clerk. His next business connection was with H. C. Huston, lumber dealer, at Connellsville, Pennsylvania, first as clerk, later as general manager, and, after a service of fifteen years, becoming a partner in the firm, and his relations therewith aggregating twenty-two years in all. Out of this enterprise grew the H. C. Huston Lumber Company, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, one of the largest lumber companies in Western Pennsylvania, and of which company he became secretary and treasurer. In 1902, after the death of Mr. Huston, Mr. Kendall purchased the entire interest of the estate of the deceased in the corporation, and became president. In 1901 Mr. Kendall formed the Kendall Coal and Coke Company, producing coal and manufacturing coke in the Connellsville region, and of which company he is treasurer. He is also president of the Kendall Lumber Company, of which mention has been previously made, and a director of the Ohio Pyle Company, also before referred to. He is a director in the Meyersdale Coal Company, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, the largest independent coal corporation in Somerset county, and a director in the First National Bank of Connellsville, Pennsylvania. He is president of the Guiler & Kendall Sand Company, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, owning large sand areas, and shipping molding sand to the principal foundries of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. This Company furnished the sand from which the Mesta Machine Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, made the mould in which was successfully cast the largest casting ever made. Mr. Kendall is also president of the Kendall Supply Company, operating several large general stores. He holds membership in many of the leading fraternal orders, and belongs to the Duquesne Club and the Country Club, both of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. In politics he is a Republican, but is interested only from the standpoint of a patriot and citizen, having no ambition for public life.

Mr. Kendall was married, January 13th, 1893, to Kathryn Guiler, daughter of Andrew Guiler, Connellsville, one of the solid, substantial men of his day. Her mother was Jane (Wallace) Guiler. Mrs. Kendall was educated in the schools of Connellsville. The children of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kendall are: Mary Willa, Kathryn, Jacob Louis and Eugene Wallace. The family reside in Pittsburg, at 330 South Negley Avenue.

The Kendall Brothers (Samuel A. and Jacob L. Kendall) while alert, active and successful men of affairs, as they must of necessity be to have risen in commercial and manufacturing circles as narrated in these pages, are by no means slaves to their enterprises. During the summer months, at their hotel, The Ferncliff, at Ohio Pyle, at the homestead farm, and at their lumber towns in Maryland, with their families, they give themselves up to all the pleasures and comforts at command. They are liberal and progressive. Somerset county has profited largely through their business enterprise and initiative along various important lines.

JACOB J. ZORN.

Jacob J. Zorn, the efficient secretary of the Co-operative Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and one of Berlin's representative citizens, was born in Berlin, April 30, 1838, the third son of Michael and Mary Louisa (Dom) Zorn.

Michael Zorn (father) was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1800. He came to Berlin with his parents at an early age and learned the trade of a potter, a business he engaged in until his death in 1850. He was an active member of the Lutheran church in Berlin, and served in the various official positions of that body. Politically he was a Democrat. In 1824, at Berlin, Michael Zorn married Mary Louisa Dom, born in Darmstadt, Germany, January 9, 1802, came with her parents to America in 1818. For fifty years she was an earnest member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and in 1868, at the age of sixty-six, passed away. The children of this marriage were: Charles, removed to Richmond, Indiana, where he died; Jackson, served three years in the Civil war, now (1906) living in Valparaiso, Indiana; Jacob J., of whom later; Mary Louisa (Mrs. A. K. Johnson, of Berlin); and Michael A., served over three years in the Civil war, a resident of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Jacob J. Zorn was educated in the schools of Berlin. His tastes were for mechanics, and at the age of fifteen he began learning the plastering trade. After mastering this trade he followed it uninterruptedly for many years, teaching school two winter sessions in 1858-59. After becoming an expert in this business, Mr. Zorn engaged in contracting and later formed a partnership with Washington Megahan, under the firm name of Megahan & Zorn, and for ten years thereafter the firm erected buildings and did general plastering throughout Somerset county. In 1876 Mr. Zorn built the public school building known as Bunker Hill school, at that date considered the best and finest school building in the county. Mr. Zorn retired from the contracting business in 1881, and for three years thereafter conducted a grocery and feed store in Berlin. At the expiration of this period of time he sold out his store and returned to work at his trade. A notable building erected by Mr. Zorn at this period in his life was Holy Trinity Lutheran church, on Main street, Berlin. This was a fine, modern, brick structure, and stands to-day as a monument to his skill as a builder.

In 1900 Mr. Zorn, with others, incorporated the Reitz Manufacturing Company, for the manufacture of all kinds of roller mill machinery. They installed a very complete plant, and for three years conducted a successful business, but on the death of Mr. Reitz, who was the manager and the only practical machinist in the company, it was decided to close out the business, which was accordingly done. Mr. Zorn and Captain A. Heffley purchased the plant, which has never since been operated in full. In 1898 Mr. Zorn, in the face of opposition and prejudice, organized the Co-operative Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Berlin. It was necessary before the company could obtain a charter that they have $200,000 of insurance pledged. Mr. Zorn personally undertook to secure this amount, and for eight months worked alone and unaided and secured the required pledges. February 19, 1898, the permanent organization was effected and the charter granted. As this is the best and most wisely planned and economically conducted mutual companies in the state, it is fitting that we note the names and standing of the men whom Mr. Zorn gathered around him at a time when the mutual plan of fire insurance was not considered in as favorable light as at present. The president is William H. Ruppel, one of the leading attorneys of the Somerset county bar; vice-president, Charles A. Floto, cigar manufacturer of Berlin; treasurer. Fred Groff, one of Berlin's leading merchants; secretary, Jacob J. Zorn, organizer of the company. The directors are: William H. Ruppel, H. L. Sipe, of Somerset; Harrison Snyder, of Rockwood; J. B. Davis, of Ursina; S. C. Hartley, of Meyersdale; Josiah Specht, of Kantner; P. J. Blough, of Hooversville; Hon. Jeremiah Maurer, ex-member of the state legislature;

J. G. Gardill and L. C. Boyer, of Elk Lick. These men are all prominent citizens of the county and well known business men. During the second year the company met with severe fire losses, but by wise management and the loyal support of the members the crisis was safely passed and the company entered upon a career of prosperity that more than justifies the hopes of its founders. This company has now (1906) in force $1,349,448 of carefully selected and widely distributed insurance, and has paid losses to the amount of $15,305,000, besides effecting a great saving in premiums to the insured. This fine showing is the result of the personal work of Mr. Zorn, he being the manager as well as secretary, and the only paid official of the company, no agents or solicitors being employed. The founding and successful operating of this great business enterprise is a fitting capstone to Mr. Zorn's long and busy life.

Mr. Zorn's first votes were cast for the Democratic candidates, but for the past thirty years he has been an ardent and earnest advocate of Prohibition. Now, in his sixty-eighth year, he has never yet had the pleasure of voting for an elected president of the United States. In borough affairs he has always been active, and has filled the various offices from clerk to burgess. In 1862, Mr. Zorn, then about twenty-four years old, helped to raise a company of volunteers which left Berlin in August, 1862, went to Harrisburg, same state, and was mustered into the United States service as Company F, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. They were assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and joined that grand organization on the battle field of Antietam. They were attached to the Pennsylvania Reserve Division under command of General Meade. Their first time under fire was at bloody Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, and from that time on they participated in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac, and were present at the final scene in our great national tragedy at Appomattox. During all this time Mr. Zorn missed but one battle in which his regiment engaged (and it was in them all) and was never wounded or in the hospital. At Gettysburg he was taken prisoner and thrice offered a parole, but refused, hoping to escape, as General Lee was being so badly worsted in the fight. But this hope was vain; the prisoners were marched to Staunton, Virginia, and from there sent to Richmond. On August 1, 1863, he was paroled and taken to City Point, thence to Annapolis, and rejoined his command in November, 1863. Mr. Zorn was mustered out of the service at Washington, D. C., May 29, 1865, with the rank of first lieutenant. All through the war Mr. Zorn kept a diary commencing with his day of enlistment, August 12, 1862, and ending with the grand review. Each day's occurrences were chronicled while the stirring events were fresh and vivid in his memory. When captured and searched he hid his book in his boot leg, and it passed unnoticed. Since returning home he has transcribed the diaries in a large, handsomely bound volume, clearly and neatly copied in his own hand. The work is illustrated with photographs of his captain (Heffley), who was twenty-one months a prisoner in southern prisons; his colonel, R. P. Cummins, who was killed at Gettysburg; and the general officers of the army, with many of his tentmates. As a history of the Army of the Potomac and a souvenir of the great war of the rebellion the volume is priceless.

In 1901-02 Mr. Zorn was elected president of the Regimental Association of the One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, which holds a reunion every two years. He is past commander of Mark Collins Post, No. 344, Grand Army of the Republic, and has been quartermaster for the past twelve years. For three years the Post languished and no meetings were held, but Mr. Zorn kept the post in good standing and alive by sending in the per capita tax and annual reports to headquarters. He entered Somerset Lodge, No. 358, Free and Accepted Masons, in 1866, Uniontown Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, July 3, 1872, but withdrew from that body in 1893 to become a charter member of Hebron Chapter, No. 272, at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. He was initiated in Berlin Lodge, No. 461, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in 1865, has passed all the chairs, served as district deputy grand master of Somerset county, and for twenty-two years has been secretary of that lodge and is still in the service. He has twice been a representative to the grand lodge, and is a past chief patriarch of the Encampment.

At the age of sixteen years Mr. Zorn connected himself with the church, joining Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church of Berlin. He has been an active and consistent member and worker in that body ever since, particularly in Sabbath school work. Besides holding the various church official positions, he has been secretary of the Sunday school for fifteen years, was superintendent, and is now teacher of a class of boys. His time and means are freely drawn upon, and in all religious matters he is always one of the faithful. Mr. Zorn, now (1906) in his sixty-eighth year, is active and alert in mind and body, is firmly devoted to his company and his family, to whose interests every business day is devoted.

On December 31. 1867, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by the Rev. Dr. E. W. Hutter, pastor of New Street Evangelical Lutheran church, Mr. Zorn was married to Jemima D. Statler, of Somerset county ancestry, her parents being David and Dorcas (Hartzell) Statler, of Stoystown. David Statler was a tinner, and for many years a lineman for the American Union

Telegraph Company. Mrs. Zorn was educated in the town schools. The children born to Jacob J. and Jemima D. (Statler) Zorn are: Robert H., born November 20, 1868, cashier in the freight department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Cleveland, Ohio; he married Emerett Grant, of the same city. George S., born February 26, 1874, a machinist and foreman in the shops of the American Sheet Steel Company at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania; he married Rachel Link, of Chicago, Illinois. Edith, born April 16, 1872, a graduate of the Central Normal school at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania; she married Jacob Schrock, cashier of the First National Bank of Berlin, Pennsylvania. Nellie, born April 18, 1876, married Allen C. Miller, a cigarmaker of Berlin. Annie, born March 22, 1878, resides at home with her parents.

IRWIN M. HOOVER.

The family of which Irwin M. Hoover, of Hooversville, is a representative, is of German-Swiss origin, the earliest known form of the name having been Huber. In its present form of Hoover it is, and has been for many years, prominently identified with the interests of Somerset county.

George Hoover (or Huber), the founder of the family in this country, was born near Basel, Switzerland, whence he came, with his parents and his only brother, Ulrich, to the American colonies. They settled in York, Pennsylvania, the period of their immigration being many years prior to the revolutionary war. George Hoover grew to manhood in this country and was sufficiently prosperous at the time of the war for independence to loan the colonies twenty-two hundred pounds. After peace was declared he was paid in Continental money, which was subsequently repudiated. He was thrice married, his first wife being a Miss Shearer, who bore him eight children, six of whom, with their mother, died within six weeks. His second wife was Catharine Miller, of York, Pennsylvania, by whom he was the father of the following children: Margaret, wife of Philip Fehl; Mary, wife of Henry Jones; Eve, wife of Frederick Eyeholds; Katie, wife of George Eyeholds; Jacob, married Barbara Moritz; George, married Susan Tate; Samuel, married Margaret Raffensberger, and after her death the widow of John Moles; Jonas, see forward; and two who died in infancy.

Jonas Hoover, son of George and Catharine (Miller) Hoover, was born August 14, 1794. He served two years in the army during the war of 1812, and in that year was with Colonel Scott in his march through Bedford county. At Bedford he was taken ill, but recovered and rejoined his regiment at Erie. He participated in the two engagements at Fort Erie and also in the battle of Niagara, where Colonel Scott received a mortal wound, being upheld in his saddle by Mr. Hoover as his horse was led from the field. Mr. Hoover was honorably discharged in 1814.

In 1836 he sold his farm at Chambersburg and moved to Somerset county, taking up his abode, in 1847, in Hooversville, which was named in his honor. He engaged in farming and also owned and operated a grist-mill, which was built by John A. Clark. In 1847 Mr. Hoover erected near this mill another, which is still in operation. From 1852 to 1862 he was justice of the peace in Quemahoning township, from which Hooversville was taken. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the German Reformed church.

After his discharge from the army, Mr. Hoover married a Miss Dearderf, and three children were born to them: Catharine, Martha, and John. After the death of his wife he married Mary Lohrsbaugh, and by this marriage became the father of three more children: David, see forward; George, and Mary. On being left for the second time a widower, Mr. Hoover married Elizabeth Krichbaum, the issue of this marriage being one child, Amelia. Jonas Hoover died, and his widow is living at Hillsborough, Somerset county.

David Hoover, son of Jonas and Mary (Lohrsbaugh) Hoover, was born February 5, 1829, and for many years followed the trade of a millwright. Later he owned and operated a planing-mill at Hooversville. He enlisted, September 26, 1864, in Company D, Fifty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was honorably discharged at Richmond, June 5, 1865. He was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Hoover married Susan Clark, and they were the parents of the following children: William P., born January 27, 1850, married Ellen, daughter of Emmanuel Lohr; Jonas, born February 11, 1852, died January 5, 1866; George E., born December 8, 1853, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Dobson; Mary J., born March 12, 1856; Martha A., born September 7, 1858, wife of Dr. J. W. Hamer; Irwin M., see forward; Ella E., born August 8, 1868, married McGarey Stanton, and died January 29, 1896. To all these children Mr. Hoover gave a good education. His death occurred June 17, 1888. His widow still resides in Hooversville.

Irwin M. Hoover, son of David and Susan (Clark) Hoover, was born February 24, 1862, and is a carpenter by trade. In 1885 he was employed at West Newton by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and then for three years was at Connellsville in the same employ. In 1889 he returned to Hooversville, and in February, 1891, was appointed by Governor Patterson justice of the peace. He was elected to that office in 1892, 1897 and 1902. In 1898 he was nominated for state senator by the Democrats of Somerset, Bedford and Fulton counties, but was defeated by a small majority, the district being strongly Republican. On his return to Hooversville he resumed the business in which he had formerly been engaged, which was that of real estate, and took up again his duties as justice of the peace. He is a stockholder in the Hooversville National Bank. He affiliates with Lodge No. 440, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of West Newton, and is a charter member of Fayette Council, No. 142, Order of United American Mechanics, of Connellsville. He also belongs to Hooversville Tent, No. 324, Knights of the Maccabees, in which since 1898 he had served as secretary and keeper of finances. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Hoover married, March 24, 1885, Anna M., daughter of Samuel Soules, of McKeesport, and they were the parents of one son, born September 28, 1888, who died in infancy.

JONAS A. WEAVER.

Jonas A. Weaver, of Windber, Pennsylvania, is a great-great-grandson of Jacob Weaver, the first of the Weaver family to come across the ocean. Jacob Weaver, in company with eleven other men, came to this country from Bavaria, and located in Juniata county. Jacob Weaver was married, and became the father of seven children as follows: Abraham, Jacob, Christian, John, Samuel, David, Peter, all of whom lived in this section of the country.

Abraham Weaver lived near Davidsville, Conemaugh township, was a farmer and a member of the Mennonite church. He married a Miss Coughman and was the father of six sons and two daughters, as follows: Jonas, Christian, Manuel, Abraham, see forward; Daniel, Christina, Lucinda and David. Mr. Weaver, the father, died about 1860.

Abraham Weaver, son of Abraham Weaver, was born May 1, 1818. About 1840 he settled on the farm now owned by his son, Jonas A. Weaver, and devoted himself to its cultivation in connection with the lumber business. He owned several other farms, bought stock to supply the Johnstown markets, was a stockholder in the Scalp and Johnstown pike, of which he was the treasurer, and served several times as supervisor of Paint township. His political principles were those advocated by the Republican party, and he was a member of the German Baptist church. Mr. Weaver married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Stutzman, and their children were: Lucinda, born 1841, married Noah Miller, died about 1865; Steven B., born 1843, married Elizabeth Custer, had ten children; Mary, born 1845, wife of Henry Hostetler, had seven children; Samuel, born 1847, married Mary Berkey, has seven children; Jacob, born 1849, married Lavina Hoffman, has nine children; Abraham, born 1851, died 1853; Hiram, born 1853, married Frances Reed, has eight children: Susan, born 1856, wife of Isaac D. Shaffer, has eight children; Jonas A., see forward; Elizabeth, born 1866, died 1870. The mother of this family died in 1877, and the death of Mr. Weaver occurred May 31, 1895.

Jonas A. Weaver, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Stutzman) Weaver, was born September 22, 1860. He settled on the homestead, where he has since lived as a farmer. For the last seven years he has supplied milk to the inhabitants of Windber. He is a stockholder in the Scalp and Johnstown pike, the Windber National Bank, the Johnstown Trust Company, the Citizens' National Bank, and the Hooversville National Bank, in which he is also a director. He is a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church.

Mr. Weaver married Mary J., daughter of Hiram and Frances Shaffer, and granddaughter of David Shaffer. The marriage took place November 4, 1883, the issue being as follows: Milton, born July 27, 1884; Charles, November 16, 1885; Abraham, December 23, 1887; Hiram, September 25, 1889; Quinter, October 14, 1891; Fannie, January 27, 1893, died March 12, 1900; Clara, December 17, 1894; Roy, April 17, 1896; Foster, April 28, 1898; Sylvester, December 11, 1899, died January 8, 1900; and Joseph, March 24, 1902. To these children Mr. Weaver has given the best educational facilities within his power, and Milton, the eldest, is now a teacher in one of the public schools.

JOSEPH EBAUGH.

Joseph Ebaugh, who throughout his active career has devoted his attention exclusively to the cultivation of the soil, in which occupation he has achieved well-merited success, is a native of Summit township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, born November 12, 1865. He is a son of Roman and Mary (Albright) Ebaugh, the former of whom was born in Baden, Germany, March 1, 1826, followed the occupation of farming, was a Catholic in religion, a Democrat in politics and died September 22, 1866, aged forty years, and the latter was born March 4, 1840, in Greenville township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Ebaugh obtained an education in the public schools adjacent to his home, and upon taking up the practical duties of life followed in the footsteps of his father, who was one of the successful farmers of that section. By following the most progressive methods of agriculture and by the use of the improved machinery now in vogue, Mr. Ebaugh's farm yields large returns and enables him to gain a comfortable livelihood.

He is a member of the German Baptist church, and a man of influence in the community in which he resides. He married, March 10, 1889, in Summit township, Mary Susan Saylor, daughter of William and Catharine (Phillipie) Saylor, the former of whom is a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Ebaugh are the parents of one child, William Robert, born January 13, 1890, in Summit township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH J. SEESE.

Joseph J. Seese, of Windber, is a great-grandson of Melcher Seese, one of the earliest residents of Paint township, who married Sophia Lint and reared a large family, his numerous descendants being scattered over Somerset county.

Emmanuel Seese, son of Melcher Seese, was born about 1792, and settled on a farm near Windber. He was a Whig and a member of the Lutheran church.

He married, about 1814, Barbara Hoffman, of Paint township, and their children were: John, see forward; Mary, born May 15, 1818; Philip, December 16, 1819; Sophia, March 7, 1821; William, February 22, 1823; Susannah, November 3, 1824; Sarah, September 3, 1826; Elizabeth, April 22, 1828; and Gillian, December 22, 1829. The death of Mr. Seese occurred October, 1858.

John Seese, son of Emmanuel and Barbara (Hoffman) Seese, was born December 16, 1816, in Paint township, and in 1837 settled on the old Seese farm, now owned by his son, Joseph J. Seese. There he passed all the remaining years of his life, serving his township in the offices of school director, supervisor, assessor, tax collector, and notably in that of justice of the peace, which he held for twenty-five years. For many years he was identified with the Whigs, but later became a Republican. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Seese married, November 19, 1837, Hannah Custer, of Conemaugh township, and their children were: Joseph J., see forward; Barbara, born November 1, 1841, married Joseph Lehman, and died January, 1887; Emmanuel, born November 24, 1844, married Margaret Otto, and died December, 1894; Rachel, born May 8, 1846, wife of Henry J. Leman; Sarah, died May 18, 1850; Elizabeth, born March, 1851, wife of Henry Fyock; Sophia, born August 31, 1853, deceased; John, born December 31. 1855, died at the age of one year; Hannah, born December 7, 1857; Catharine, born July 26, 1860, wife of Hiram Myers; and Mary A., born April 10, 1864. Mr. Seese died August 23, 1892.

Joseph J. Seese, son of John and Hannah (Custer) Seese, was born August 6, 1839, and was given by his father the advantages of education which the time and the place afforded.

In 1862 he settled on his father's farm near Scalp Level, in Paint township, and for two years worked at the carpenter's trade. He then moved to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and after remaining there four years returned to the homestead, thenceforth, until 1900, devoting his attention to the cultivation of the old lands. In that year he moved from the farm to a small place in Paint township, where he has since resided. He has filled the offices of constable, treasurer and school director of the township, serving in each three years, and has also been supervisor one year. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Seese married, November 30, 1862, Lydia, daughter of Jacob Blough, and they have been the parents of the following children: John F., born February 27, 1864, married Elizabeth Ott; Mary A., born November 10, 1865, died November 22, 1869; Elizabeth E., born January 2, 1868, wife of Lewis Statler, has eleven children; Emma B., born October 4, 1870, wife of L. R. Manger, has four children; Sylvester, twin to Emma B., married May J. Menster, has five children; Henry A., born October 4, 1877; Oliver C., born October 15, 1884.

JOHN C. BEACHLY.

John C. Beachly, of Brothers Valley, is a son of Peter Beeghley, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this work. The Beachlys are one of the old and well known families of the county, numbering among their ancestors some of the pioneers.

John C. Beachly was born April 6, 1852, at Beachdale, Brother's Valley township, and received his education in the schools of his birthplace. He remained on the farm at Beachdale with his parents until the age of twenty-one, when he married and for the next six years worked the farm on shares. He then, in 1882, bought the John P. Cover farm in the northern part of the township, on which he has since remained, with the exception of two years after his wife's death which he spent in Meyersdale. The farm is known as the "Crystal Spring farm," named from a famous spring of pure water which never fails in the dryest seasons. The estate consists of about five hundred acres, well stocked with Percherons and short-horns. There is an abundance of fruit of all kinds and there is also a sugar camp of three hundred vessels. Coal underlies the entire farm, in part of which Mr. Beachly retains his ownership, and he is also the owner of coal rights in another part of the township. The farm contains likewise large deposits of limestone rock, which is being worked. Mr. Beachly burns all the lime used on the farm, some three thousand bushels, and also supplies his neighbors. Coal for burning the lime, as well as for local consumption, is mined on the farm. The improvements are substantial and modern, and the farm operations are conducted by the aid of the most improved machinery. He is a stockholder in the Windber National Bank. He has served as school director and in politics is a Republican, having cast his first presidential vote in 1876 for Hayes. He is a member of the German Baptist church and also of the Sunday school.

Mr. Beachly married, December 24, 1873, Annie M., daughter of Josiah and Mary (Kimmel) Walker. The former was born August 14, 1818, and the latter October 24, 1819. Their marriage took place March 13, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Beachly were the parents of the following children: 1. Allen W., born April 5, 1875, stockholder and shipping clerk of the Windber Brewing Company, Windber. 2. Ella V., born May 8, 1877, wife of E. O. Pyle, of Windber. 3. Ada E., born February 2, 1879, wife of O. J. Coleman, of Lull, Pennsylvania, one child, Clyde Beachly Coleman, born August 27, 1906. 4. Verda May, born February 19, 1885, wife of Emerson Cober, of Brother's Valley township, one child, Jay Beachly Cober, born July 10, 1905. The mother of these children died July 23, 1889. Mr. Beachly married, April 5, 1892, Lizzie A. Foust, and by this marriage has become the father of the following children: 1. Dalton Jay, born December 27, 1892, attending township and Berlin schools. 2. Alma D., born June 3, 1894, died October 25, 1894. 3. Altha C., born February 25, 1896, attending school. Mrs. Beachly is a daughter of William Foust, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this work. She was born March 27, 1869, was educated in the public schools and is a member of the Disciples church.

CHARLES G. BARNHART.

Charles G. Barnhart, merchant, of Milford, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Somerset township, August 25, 1868, son of William A. and Catherine A. (Shaulis) Barnhart, and grandson of ——— Barnhart, who was born in Somerset county. Mr. Barnhart is of German descent.

William A. Barnhart (father) was born in 1846, and was a farmer by occupation. He served in the civil war, enlisting in 1864, and served until the close of the war, and was present at the surrender of General Lee. His first wife, Catherine A. Shaulis, bore him children, as follows: Charles G., see forward; Sarah J., deceased; Anna G., Mary E., George L. and William F. After the death of his wife, in 1897, Mr. Barnhart married ——— Rupp, and they now reside in Somerset.

Charles G. Barnhart obtained his education in the common schools of Somerset, and at the age of eighteen left school and engaged in teaming, which he followed for five years. He was then engaged in the sawmill business until 1903, when he formed a partnership with his brother, and they opened a store in Milford, in the conduct of which they have since engaged, being attended with good success. They also have charge of the Milford postoffice. Charles G. Barnhart holds membership in the Maccabees and Golden Eagles. In church connections he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Barnhart married, October 9, 1899, Martha Weimer, born March 24, 1875, in Glade, Somerset county, a daughter of Samuel J. and Rose A. (Kimmel) Weimer. Samuel J. Weimer was a native of Somerset county, a farmer by occupation and a Republican in politics. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, viz: John J., Lizzie, Elmira, Tobias, Mary A., Joseph, and Martha.

JAMES WILLIAM ENDSLEY.

James William Endsley was born September 15, 1857, at Somerfield, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, his present place of residence. He is descended from John Endsley (name originally Ansley) a German, who settled near Richmond, Virginia, He married Mary Gilbert, and had one child, a son named Thomas, born 1787.

John Endsley and his wife came from Virginia with their son Thomas to Smythfield (now Somerfield), Pennsylvania, where Mr. Endsley died about 1831, and is buried in the old Endsley graveyard at that place. Mary Gilbert was of English descent, a descendant of a prominent Quaker family of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and born about 1770. When she was about seven years old the family emigrated from Bucks county, to Jefferson county, Virginia, passing through Washington's camp at Valley Forge. This incident of the journey, as well as the crossing of the Susquehanna river on a bridge of boats, she often recounted to her grandchildren. She died about 1835, and is buried at Somerfield.

Thomas Endsley (or Captain Endsley, as he was generally known), the only child of John and Mary Endsley, was born near Richmond, Virginia, in 1787, and in 1805 married Miss Mary McCloy, a young lady of Scotch-Irish descent, who had come from Ireland to America a short time previous. She died at the Endsley home, at Somerfield, in 1832. Of this union eight children were born, five sons and three daughters, namely: John, Thomas, James, William Gilbert, Andrew Jackson, Mary Ann, Nancy and Julia.

In 1819 Thomas Endsley moved from Virginia to Frostburg, Maryland, where he commenced a career of hotelkeeping on the National road. Three years later he moved to the Tomlinson House, a prominent tavern stand twenty-one miles west of Cumberland, and from there he went to Smythfield (now known as Somerfield), Somerset county, Pennsylvania, buying, December, 1823, the old Smyth farm, lying on both sides of the National road. On this farm had been built in 1818 the large stone tavern, which is yet standing, in Somerfield, in excellent repair. He took possession in 1824 and ran it with success as a hotel and relay house for the great stage lines for the greater part of his life. Being a Virginian, Captain Endsley was a slave-owner, and brought eight negroes with him when he came to Pennsylvania, some of whom remained with him for many years. However, all his sons grew up to be pronounced Abolitionists.

After the death of his wife, Mary McCloy, Mr. Endsley married a second time, a lady from Ohio, who survived him for some years and by whom he had no children.

Besides managing a hotel, Thomas Endsley also took an active interest in farming, and is said to have been a pioneer in the raising of corn in that section. In 1828 a military company was organized, called the Addison Blues, of which Thomas Endsley was elected captain, and was ever after known as "Captain" Endsley. It is said that at all the battalion parades at Uniontown, Somerset and Bedford the Addison Blues bore off the honors for discipline and soldierly bearing.

Thomas Endsley's life was closely identified with the history of the National road, and in 1831 he was appointed by the legislature of Pennsylvania, for the term of three years, one of the first five commissioners to accept from the national government for the State of Pennsylvania, the Cumberland or National road, and to erect toll gates, etc., upon said road for its maintenance. In 1834 he and the other four were reappointed by the governor. While not identified with any religious organization, he held to the Presbyterian faith and donated a lot of land in Somerfield for the first church at that place.

William Gilbert Endsley, son of Captain Thomas Endsley, was born at the Tomlinson House, Allegheny county, Maryland, June 11, 1821, and was three years old when his father came to Somerfield. He married Julianne Watson, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1829, who was the daughter of James and Mary Ridgeway Watson, of the same county, to whom were born four children: Howard, deceased; Mary, deceased, wife of Robert E. Ross; Eva, deceased, wife of Robert E. Ross; and James William.

Mr. Endsley was a hotelkeeper and farmer, but, being a temperance man, he abolished the bar from his hotel and always ran it as a temperance house. He was educated at the public schools, was a Methodist in religion, and a Whig and Republican in politics. In 1849 he was commissioned by Governor

Johnson first lieutenant of the Addison Infantry. He represented his county in the general assembly of Pennsylvania during the session of 1875-76. He was commissioner of the National road in 1881-82. Mr. Endsley operated the last line of stages on the National road between Uniontown and Cumberland. He died at Somerfield, August 20, 1901.

James William Endsley, son of William Gilbert and Julianne (Watson) Endsley, was born September 15, 1857. After completing the public school course he attended the county normals with a view of fitting himself for the profession of teaching, but after teaching one term of school in Fayette county he decided to enter a business career, and with his father engaged in general merchandising at Somerfield, which he continued for fifteen years, also engaging in the manufacture of spokes, hubs, etc., which he continued for a number of years. In 1890 he engaged in the general lumber business, and in 1900 commenced to manufacture telephone and telegraph stock, which he yet continues.

About five years ago he became impressed with the value of the coal deposits in the Lower Johnstown basin, and made a thorough test of the territory with a view of interesting outside capital in the field, and with the idea of still demonstrating the commercial value of the coal in this basin decided to open and operate it himself, and with a few friends organized the Listonburg Coal Mine Company, of which he is secretary and general manager, which owns and operates two mines at Listonburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Endsley is a director in the Somerset County National Bank, of Somerset, the largest financial institution of its kind in the county.

In politics he has always been a straight Republican. He was the first burgess of Somerfield borough and has been school director or councilman for many years. In 1902 he received the indorsement of his county for the state senate, but was defeated in the district conference. In 1904 he was elected to the general assembly of Pennsylvania and served in the session of 1905 and in the extra session of 1906, and also again in 1906 received the nomination of the Republican party for another term. In religion he has always been affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and devoted many years to the Sunday school work of that church. While a Methodist, Mr. Endsley prides himself on being very tolerant in his religious views and believes in practical Christianity rather than creeds and dogmas.

Mr. Endsley married Miss Mary Connelly, May 12, 1880, at Somerfield, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter and only living child of Dr. Charles H. Connelly and Mary (Hagans) Connelly, and was born at Red Wing, Minnesota, where her parents had moved from Fairmont, Virginia, and where Dr. Connelly died when she was an infant. After Dr. Connelly's death Mrs. Connelly returned to Virginia to her own people, and later married Mr. Aza C. Frey and moved to Somerfield, where her daughter Mary married Mr. Endsley. Mrs. Endsley has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since girlhood, serving in its various societies. She is a member of the patriotic society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her father, Charles Connelly, was a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, and practiced with success in Virginia and Minnesota. He was a member of the Connelly family of Somerset county, who were descended from three brothers—Bernard, Francis and Edward Connelly—Irish patriots, who came to America about 1800. Mrs. Endsley's grandfather, Bernard Connelly, of Somerset county, was a surveyor, a man of education and great natural ability, prominent in his time and place. In 1838 he was elected a member of the Pennsylvania legislature and served two terms. His wife, Margaret, was a daughter of Christian Ankeny (Angny), of French Huguenot descent, one of the pioneer settlers of Somerset county and a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Endsley's maternal grandfather, Zer Hagans, also lived for a time in Somerset county. He was a descendant of the Puritans and came from New England to Virginia and from there to Addison (then called Petersburg), Pennsylvania, where he built as his private home the brick house which has been used as a hotel for many years since. He died at Addison and is buried at Newbury, in Addison township.

The children of James William and Mary (Connelly) Endsley are: 1. Edna May Endsley, born at Somerfield, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1881. She was educated in the public, private and normal schools of Somerfield and at Fauquier Institute, Virginia. She married, June 22, 1904, Lucius Evans White, of Florida, and is now living at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. They have one child, Ellison Endsley White, born July 27, 1905. 2. Gilbert Frey Endsley, born at Somerfield, September 2, 1883. He was educated at public, private and normal schools of Somerfield. After teaching school one term he entered the University of West Virginia, where he took the law course. He is married and is now in business with his father at Somerfield. 3. William McKinley Endsley, born May 22, 1890, died September 18, 1891. 4. Mary Julianne Endsley, born October 31, 1895.

COMPTON FAMILY.

The American ancestor of the Compton family was Elycum Compton, who came from France and settled in New Jersey, at Metuchen Church, near New Brunswick. He died prior to the

Revolution. His wife was Sarah, last name unknown. During the Revolutionary war General Washington boarded with the Widow Compton whenever in that neighborhood. Elycum and Sarah Compton were the parents of a son, Robert.

Robert Compton was born in Middlesex county, New Jersey, in 1761. This lad, too young to enlist as a soldier, accompanied General Washington, at the general's request, as a page or attendant, was with him many years and was his trusted messenger. In 1813 Robert Compton left New Jersey and went west, settling in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, engaged in business there until 1824, when he removed to Salisbury and there, during the remainder of his active life, was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He married Lydia Brown, born December 9, 1783, in Chester, Morris county, New Jersey. Their children were: Archibald, born February 9, 1802, in Sussex county, New Jersey; Phineas M., June 1, 1804, in Sussex county; Eliza, April 24, 1807; Sallie, March 28, 1809; Catherine, December 18, 1811, in Morris county, New Jersey; David, July 8, 1814, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania; Lydia, July 21, 1816, is still living (1906) in Somerset county; William, November 27, 1818; Robert, January 25, 1821; Charles, March 2, 1823; Henry, July 21, 1825, still living in Grafton, West Virginia; Alfred, March 26, 1828. Robert Compton (father) died in Grantsville, Maryland, 1856; his wife died January 10, 1847.

Phineas M. Compton, second son of Robert and Lydia (Brown) Compton, was born June 1, 1804, in Sussex county, New Jersey. He was reared in Salisbury and was educated in the subscription schools of that day. He was a gunsmith and tinner and followed this business in Salisbury until late in life, when he and his son Samuel purchased a farm of nine hundred acres in Maryland. He only lived two years to enjoy the new purchase. He invented the first meat-cutter ever used in Somerset county and manufactured them quite extensively for several years. Phineas M. Campton married Adeline Glotfelty, daughter of Jacob Glotfelty, of Salisbury. Their children were: Samuel, born June 25, 1827; Lucretia, January 27, 1829, married Isaiah Boucher and died in Maryland; Lydia, January 28, 1837, married H. C. Stewart, of Somerset, but later of Jacksonville, Illinois. After being a widow several years Lydia Stewart married the late B. W. Simmons, of Jacksonville, Illinois. Phineas M. Compton died July 4, 1858; his wife died April 17, 1883.

Samuel Compton, first born child of Phineas M. and Adeline (Glotfelty) Compton, born June 25, 1827, was educated in the subscription school of J. J. Stutzman, and when thirteen years of age entered his father's shop and learned the trade of gunsmith and tinner, and later became his partner in business.

At the age of twenty-five he, with his father, purchased the Maryland farm above mentioned, and Samuel assisted in its management and cultivation, but did not remove his residence from Salisbury. About the same time he purchased the old Chrissner farm on Elk Lick creek and followed farming exclusively until 1868, when he purchased the Hostetter mill property. He operated the old mill for a time and then erected and equipped a first-class "burr" flouring mill and added a sawmill to the plant. For the remainder of his useful and busy life he conducted the farm and mills. He was one of the promoters and earnest workers for the establishment of free schools, was a school director many years, assessor of the township for seven years, led the fight to compel the coal corporations to pay their due proprotion of taxes, and for ten years served as justice of the peace. He was of modest, retiring nature, but of an iron will and richly endowed with mechanical ingenuity, being a skillful worker in both wood and metal. He was a consistent member of the Reformed church and in politics a Democrat.

Samuel Compton married, March 11, 1849, Nancy Beachy, daughter of Peter A. Beachy, of whom prominent mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Samuel and Nancy Compton were the parents of two sons, Demetrius and Phineas. Samuel Compton died November 7, 1902, and his wife passed away February 10, 1888.

Demetrius Compton, eldest son of Samuel and Nancy (Beachy) Compton, was born in Salisbury, January 6, 1850. He was educated in the common and normal schools of his county. He possessed great natural musical ability and took a course at the Davis Musical Institute at Warren, Ohio. For a time he was a teacher of instrumental music in Grantsville, Maryland, at the Alpine Musical Institute. He was the organist of the Wilhelm Reformed church, St. Paul, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, for twenty-five years, when the first pipe organ was installed therein. In 1878 he purchased and operated the first steam thresher used in Somerset county, and one of the farms where his thresher worked is now Meyers avenue, Meyersdale. The innovation of steam threshing was received with such favor by the farmers that a second machine was bought, and until 1890 Mr. Compton ran both threshers. From 1888 until 1896 Mr. Compton engaged in lumbering. In the latter year he purchased the milling interests of his father and installed instead of the old-fashioned stones complete modern roller process machinery. In the care and cultivation of his farm and in the management of the mills Mr. Compton has been very successful and still continues their operation. For twenty years Mr. Compton has been school director of the township. He works and votes with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Reformed church, of which he is deacon.

Mr. Compton married, October 17, 1872, Maria L., born in Berlin, daughter of Charles Krissinger, and their children are: Charles A., born July 8, 1876, educated in the township schools, graduated at the State Normal at California, Pennsylvania, and Mount Union College, Ohio. He was principal of the Belle Vernon public schools and is now principal of the Ben Avon school in Pittsburg. He married Eva Calvert and has one child, Elnora. Melissa, born July 12, 1878, received a normal school education and was a most successful teacher in the county schools until her death, January 1, 1903. Florence L., born September 29, 1885, also received a normal school education and is a teacher in the township schools. Mrs. Maria L. Compton died October 22, 1890. Mr. Compton married (second), February 22, 1893, Fannie M., daughter of John J. Statler, and their children are: Maud Louisa, born May 26, 1895; Ward Samuel, March 8, 1901; Mildred, October 22, 1902.

Phineas Compton, youngest son of Samuel and Nancy (Beachy) Compton, was born on the home farm, which he now owns and cultivates, August 21, 1866. He was educated in the common schools and was reared on the home farm, which in due time he became owner of. The farm contains three hundred acres of highly cultivated land, with a commodious, modern dwelling and adequate barns and outbuildings. He is a very progressive and enterprising farmer and uses all the modern appliances and labor-saving machinery necessary to the successful operation of so large a farm. He is a Democrat politically and a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Compton married, October 26, 1887, Martha, daughter of John J. Keim, of Elk Lick township. One child has been born to them, Allan, August 8, 1895.

ALBERT M. LICHTY, M. D.

Dr. Albert M. Lichty, of Salisbury, was born December 25, 1859, on the old Keystone farm, in Elk Lick township, son of Samuel J. Lichty, grandson of John C. Lichty and great-grandson of Christian Lichty, who emigrated from Germany and settled in Somerset county, where he engaged in farming. He was a member of the German Baptist church and lived to an advanced age. Christian Lichty was the father of a large family. His sons were: Jacob, Daniel, John C., of whom later; Samuel, David, Joseph and Emmanuel. The following were his daughters: Hannah, wife of Jacob Myers; Susan, wife of Jacob Fike; Magdalena, wife of Samuel Myers; and Elizabeth, wife of Michael Myers.

John C. Lichty, son of Christian Lichty, was born in 1799, in Elk Lick township, and was reared on the farm which is now known as the Jake Lichty farm, acquiring a limited education in the subscription schools. On reaching manhood he settled on the farm which has since gone by the name of the John C. Lichty farm, situated between Salisbury and Meyersdale. He served in various local offices and in politics was first an old-line Whig and later a Republican. He was a member of the German Baptist church. John C. Lichty married Elizabeth, daughter of Christian Fike, who came from Germany and settled in Elk Lick township. Mr. and Mrs. Lichty were the parents of the following children: Solomon, born December 30, 1821; Michael, November 10, 1823; Nancy, May 28, 1826, wife of Michael Kimmel; Samuel J., of whom later; Susan and Sally (twins), December 18, 1829; the former married John Beachy and the latter became the wife of William Beachley; Jonas, September 25, 1830; David, April 26, 1832; Mary, August 16, 1833, wife of Daniel Miller; and Elizabeth, October 17, 1835, wife of Daniel Beachy, after whose death she married Jacob Livengood. The death of Mrs. Lichty, the mother of this family, occurred September 16, 1870, and that of John C. Lichty, the father, May 12, 1879.

Samuel J. Lichty, son of John C. and Elizabeth (Fike) Lichty, was born August 8, 1828, in Elk Lick township, and passed his boyhood on the homestead, obtaining his education in the subscription schools. He remained at home until reaching his majority, when he settled on a farm which he purchased in Elk Lick township, and for about twenty-five years led the life of a farmer. He then engaged in mercantile business for some five years, and at the end of that period retired from active labor. He is a Republican and a deacon in the German Baptist church, in which his brothers, Solomon and Jonas, both officiated as ministers for many years. Samuel J. Lichty married, in 1847, Catharine, born at Mechanicsburg, Somerset township, daughter of Samuel Miller, and their children were: William, born June 7, 1848, real estate agent, Lincoln, Nebraska, married Sada, daughter of Daniel Beachley; six sons, Edward, Samuel, William, Robert L. and Jesse, the three last named deceased. Daniel, banker, Los Angeles, California, married Katharine Myers; three children, Harold, Morris and one who died in infancy. Mary, wife of Albert G. Keim, of Salisbury, Pennsylvania; six children, Stella, Sadie Garfield, Mabel, deceased; Clyde, deceased; and Harold. Sarah, wife of Christian Rowland, of Lanark, Illinois; four children, Delta, Earl, Grace and Charles. Albert M., of whom later. Annie, widow of Morris Wagner; five children, Clyde, Grace, Lottie, Herbert and one who died in infancy.

Albert M. Lichty, son of Samuel J. and Catharine (Miller)

Lichty, spent his early life on the farm, attending the public schools of Salisbury, and at the age of eighteen entered Mount Morris College, Mount Morris, Illinois, where he completed his literary education. While a student at this institution he engaged during the vacations in teaching. On leaving college he began the study of medicine in the office of Drs. T. F. Livengood and C. G. Stutzman, and in 1883 matriculated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, whence he graduated in May, 1886, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He opened an office in Salisbury, where he has built up a successful and lucrative practice. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, of which he has since been a director. He also helped to organize the Citizens' Heat, Light & Power Company, and is a director of that institution likewise. He is the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres, the cultivation of which is conducted under his personal superintendence. Educational matters receive a due share of his attention, and he is now serving as president of the school board. Politically he adheres to the Republican party. He is an elder in the Reformed church, and for twelve years served as choirmaster.

Dr. Lichty married, September 11, 1888, Jennie, born in Salisbury, daughter of Peter S. and Elizabeth (Divelley) Hay, and they are the parents of two children: Albert Fay, born December 25, 1890, entered Mercersburg College, September 19, 1906; and Elizabeth Katharine, born August 16, 1901.

JOHN J. ENGLE.

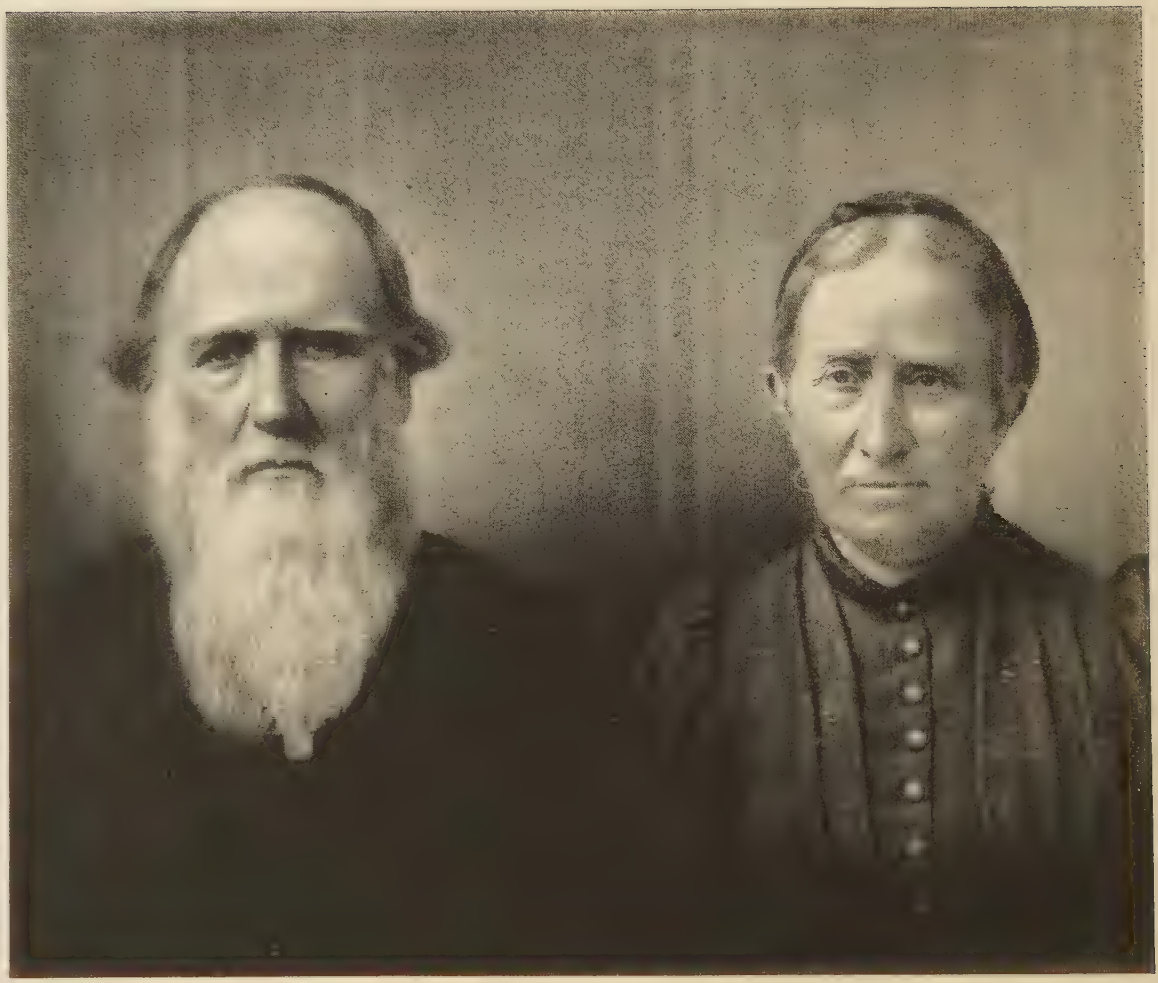
John J. Engle, a prominent and progressive agriculturist, miller and lumberman of Elk Lick township, traces his lineage from German ancestors, who were among the very earliest settlers of that township. Clement Engle, born in Germany, was the American ancestor. He came to this country prior to the Revolutionary war, fought with the colonists and did his part in throwing off the yoke of the tyrant. He afterward settled in Elk Lick township and acquired considerable property, land, timber, etc. This land has always been in the possession of the family and is the homestead farm of the Engle family. Clement Engle married and was the father of the following children: John, see forward; Clement, Peter, Samuel, Jacob, Frederick, Martin, Adam, Susan and Elizabeth.

John Engle, eldest son of Clement Engle, was born in Elk Lick, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1786. He was a farmer and held the family possessions and added thereto. He was a consistent member of the Reformed church, and politically an independent Democrat. He married (first) Salome, daughter of Solomon Sterner, of Garrett county, Maryland, and their children were: Catherine, born in 1812; Solomon, 1816; Elizabeth, 1822; Lydia, 1824; Sarah, 1827, Susan, 1835; John J., 1839, and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Salome (Sterner) Engle died in 1845. Mr. Engle married (second) Catherine Lichty. John Engle died March 1, 1863.

John J. Engle, son of John and Salome (Sterner) Engle, was born on the old homestead in Elk Lick, December 15, 1839. He was reared on the farm and attended the public schools until he was sixteen years old. From that age until twenty-three he was an active worker on the farm in his father's employ. During the great war of the rebellion, Mr. Engle enlisted in the Union army and was attached to Company K, One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He participated in several skirmishes and raids and luckily came out uninjured. At the close of his term of enlistment he was honorably discharged from the service August 6, 1863, with the rank of second sergeant. In 1865 Mr. Engle was included in a draft made on Pennsylvania for troops, but before reaching the front General Lee had surrendered and the greatest of all civil wars was over. Since laying aside the sword for the pruning hook, Mr. Engle has resided on the homestead. At first he managed the farm and later became its owner by purchase, and in addition to the cultivation of his farm, which consists of three hundred and five acres, he operates the saw and grist mill built by his grandfather in 1806. There has never been a time in the history of this fine property when it has been the home of any family other than the Engles.

Mr. Engle is a consistent and influential member of the Reformed church in Salisbury, of which he was organist for twenty years and now an elder. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln and has always upheld the principles of Republicanism. He was for thirteen years a working member of the school board, has served innumerable times as judge of election and has twice been supervisor.

Mr. Engle married, July 7, 1871, Sarah E., born November 26, 1850, in what is now Garrett county, Maryland, daughter of Henry Wagner, of Salisbury. Eleven children have been born of this marriage, ten of whom are living (1906); George G., born January 15, 1873, a farmer, unmarried. Salome, April 3, 1874, wife of David Keim and mother of the following children: George, Frank, Mary, Edna, Ernest P. and Sarah M. Keim. Calvin Ulysses, July 28, 1875, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, member of Company I, Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment. Irwin J., September 17, 1876, married Cora Newman; children: John Jerome and Charles Albert. Irwin J. is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, member of Company I, Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment. Elizabeth, April 15, 1878, teacher in Boynton



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beeghley

school. John Wagner, January 16, 1880, resident of Pittsburg. Mary Susan, November 9, 1881, teacher in the Meyersdale schools. William Sherman, July 11, 1883, died June 10, 1885. Samuel Evans, January 25, 1885. Lloyd Francis, September 10, 1886, student at State Normal school at California, Pennsylvania. Lewis Franklin, April 29, 1888.

Henry Wagner, father of Mrs. Sarah E. (Wagner) Engle, was born in Salisbury and was a son of William and Margaret (Hare) Wagner. William Wagner was an early settler of Somerset county, to which he came from eastern Pennsylvania. Henry Wagner married Elizabeth, daughter of Levi Shockey, who was a son of Christian Shockey, an honored soldier of the Revolution, a land owner of Elk Lick and a resident of Salisbury, where he died April 29, 1829, aged seventy-three years. Christian Shockey served all through the Revolution, enlisting April 7, 1777, in the Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment, holding the rank of corporal. He was wounded at the battle of the Cowpens. He served with the Eleventh through their many battles and campaigns and also with the First Pennsylvania, and in January, 1781, was transferred to the Third Pennsylvania, with which he fought at Yorktown and was again wounded. Christian Shockey returned to Salisbury, Pennsylvania, where he made his home. In 1822 he announced himself a candidate for sheriff of Somerset county in the following address to the voters:

"Fellow citizens of Somerset county: Having spent the bloom of my youth in six campaigns, suffering cold and hardship to assist in wresting liberty from a tyrant, and still being willing to serve you, and being solicited by numerous friends to offer myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff at the ensuing general election, I trust a soldier of the Revolution will not appeal to Americans in vain. And should I be honored with a majority of your votes I pledge myself to discharge the duties of the office with generosity and impartiality." Signed, Christian Shockey, May 15, 1822. At the election he was defeated, his successful opponent being Isaac Ankeny. Mary (Welsh) Shockey, wife of Christian Shockey, survived him, dying at the age of eighty-six.

PETER BEEGHLEY.

Peter Beeghley, an old and highly respected resident of Beachdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born March 3, 1824, son of Jacob K. and Catherine (Blucher) Beeghley. His grandfather, Joseph Beeghley, was a son of Michael Beeghley, who came to this country from Germany in company with his five brothers, Joseph, Jacob, John, Abraham and Michael.

Jacob K. Beeghley (father) was born near Beachdale in 1796, on his father's farm, which he subsequently purchased. Jacob was always a tiller of the soil, and met with good success in this line. In politics he was a Whig, and served as county supervisor. He had some skill in medicine and practiced considerably among his neighbors. In religious faith he was a member of the German Baptist church. He was married three times: First, in 1820, to Catherine Blucher, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and received her education in the public schools. She, also, was a devout member of the German Baptist church. Of this union five children were born, three boys and two girls, among them being Peter, of whom later. After the death of his first wife, which occurred in 1829, Jacob K. Beeghley married Nancy Bolen, who bore him two boys, and who died in 1843. He then married Polly Schrock, of Somerset county, and of this union there were no children. Mr. Beeghley died in 1856, at the age of sixty years.

At an early age young Peter Beeghley was called upon to assist with the farm work, and received such schooling as the common schools of that day afforded. When he was twenty-three years of age he bought the home farm from his father, and has since engaged in the cultivation and improvement of same. He has devoted his attention largely to the raising of a good grade of livestock, horses, cows and sheep, in which he has met with the most gratifying success. He is a very progressive and intelligent farmer, being prompt to adopt all modern farm machinery as soon as placed on the market, and was among the first men in the county to use a mower drawn by horses. Mr. Beeghley takes great pride in the farm that his grandfather and father in turn owned, and even now, at the advanced age of eighty-two, may be seen daily doing his share in the farm work. He is in excellent health and remarkably well preserved for a man of his years. In political relations he has always been an ardent Republican, and has served his township as school director. He aided substantially in building the branch railroad from Garrett to Berlin, and is a stockholder in one of the Berlin banks. He is a member of the German Baptist church and a deacon in same.

Peter Beeghley married, March 12, 1848, Phoebe Alice Cober, born July 30, 1826, a daughter of John and Rose A. (Putnam) Cober, the former a farmer of this county, a preacher in the German Baptist church and a physician. He had a good local reputation and practice, being especially successful in the treatment of cancer and fevers. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Beeghley commenced life on the old farm, where they still reside, although the old home has been torn down and a commodious modern dwelling erected in its place.

The following children have been born to them: William, a merchant of Great Falls, Montana, who has been twice married and is the father of two children; John, also twice married, and father of six children; he resides near Somerset, and is a farmer by occupation; Silas, a farmer of Thayer county, Nebraska, and a widower; Ira, merchant and postmaster of Beachdale; he married Rebecca Queer, and they have four children; Noah, married Cora Brant, and they have three children; he resides on the old farm near his father, with whom he is in partnership; Rosa Ann, Isaiah and Ezra, all of whom died in infancy.

MILTON C. JOHNSON.

Milton C. Johnson, of Windber, comes, on his father's side, of New England lineage. His grandfather, Milton Johnson, was born in Vermont, and during the war of 1812 recruited a company from his native state, afterward leading them to the field as their captain and serving with them until the close of the war. After peace was declared he returned to Vermont, but subsequently went to Elk county, Pennsylvania, where he bought a large tract of land at Johnson Run and became a farmer and a dealer in cattle. After living there for a considerable period he moved to Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, purchased a large farm, and continued to give his attention to agriculture and cattle-dealing. In politics he was a Whig. Captain Johnson was twice married. By his first wife, who was a Miss Clark, he was the father of one child, Clinton. His second wire bore him the following children: Webster, John C., James R., see forward; Sarah A., Robert P., Ella F., and Knox. Captain Johnson died at the age of seventy-six.

James R. Johnson, son of Milton Johnson, was born in 1847, at Warsaw, Jefferson county, and received a common school education. He engaged in the lumber business in his native county and later in life purchased the homestead, on which he now lives. He has filled all the township offices, and is a Republican and a Presbyterian. Mr. Johnson married, September, 1868, Margaret Huffman, and their children are: Francis E., born in 1870, married Mary Byres, has five children; Ella F., born November 4, 1872, wife of C. R. Stalman; Milton C., see forward; Margaret M., born in 1879; Lida, born January, 1882; Alvird J., born in 1884; and Clyde E., born in 1894.

Milton C. Johnson, son of James R. and Margaret (Huffman) Johnson, was born April 5, 1874, and in 1898 came from Jefferson county to Somerset county, working in the lumber woods for the firm of James Curry & Son. For three years he was engaged in drilling water wells and in prospecting, and then went into the lumber business, the firm being known as Johnson & Sleiner, of Hooversville. He is a member of Lodge

No. 1058, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Windber, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Johnson married, in 1896, Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hayes, and they are the parents of four children: Vesta, born in 1897; Daisy, born October 18, 1898; Ruby F., born in 1900; and Clifford M., born in 1902.

ALBERT ERNEST LIVENGOOD.

Albert Ernest Livengood, a prominent merchant and business man of Salisbury, Pennsylvania, is one of the numerous descendants of the Rev. Peter Livengood (1), of German birth, who settled in Elk Lick township a hundred and fifty years since. Among the children born to Rev. Peter Livengood and his wife Barbara was John Livengood (2), who was a farmer by occupation. He married a Miss Hardman, and their children were: Daniel, John, David, and Jacob; Elizabeth, wife of John Arnold; and Susan, wife of Samuel Lichty. Mr. and Mrs. John Livengood were members of the German Baptist church. The former died February 19, 1839, and the latter about ten years later.

(III) David Livengood, son of John Livengood (2), was born October 11, 1809, and was one of the successful farmers of the township. Becoming convinced that the use of whisky as a beverage was detrimental to the best interests of the community, he was one of the first to abandon its use in the harvest field, where it had been considered indispensable. By so doing he incurred the displeasure of many of his neighbors, but was firm in his adherence to what he believed to be right. Despite his limited education, he was a man of wide reading, close observation and liberal views, especially in the cause of education, of which he was an ardent friend and supporter. The opportunities for the acquisition of knowledge which he gave his children were regarded with disapproval by his conservative neighbors. He was elected a minister of the German Baptist church. He married Nancy Meyers, born August 11, 1812, daughter of Michael Meyers, and their children were: Samuel D., Jacob D., see forward; Barbara, wife of Daniel Barchus; Susan, wife of Jacob M. Lichty; Anna, wife of John L. Saylor; and Adeline, wife of Michael F. Smith. The mother of these children died April 25, 1849, and Mr. Livengood subsequently married Sallie Meyers. At the time of his death, which occurred October 31, 1870, Mr. Livengood was bishop of the German Baptist church in West Salisbury. His widow died in Falls City, Nebraska, in the spring of 1883.

(IV) Jacob D. Livengood, son of David (3) and Nancy (Meyers) Livengood, was born April 2, 1839, in West Salisbury. His youth was spent on the farm and in attendance at school.

He early abandoned agricultural pursuits and went to Chicago, where he became clerk in a commission house, remaining, however, but a short time. In 1861 he returned to Salisbury and formed a partnership with Silas C. Keim. They engaged extensively in purchasing produce in large quantities, and also in stock droving, their operations in the latter branch of the business extending into Virginia and adjoining states. In the spring of 1871 the firm established a private bank by the firm name of Keim & Livengood, in Salisbury, which they conducted for about eight years. Mr. Livengood was afterward successfully engaged in the coal business. He was a number of times elected to the town council and also served as school director. His politics were Republican, and he was a member of the German Baptist church. He married, February 25, 1874, Elizabeth, daughter of John W. Beachy, of Salisbury, and their children were: Olive May, born in 1876, died in 1901; wife of Mahlon C. Berkeley, of Burr Oak, Kansas. David, born in 1877, died in 1896. Albert Ernest, see forward. Mrs. Livengood, the mother of these children, died May 7, 1883. Mr. Livengood married (second) Mrs. Elizabeth Beachy, widow of Daniel Beachy, and she is living in Salisbury. The death of Mr. Livengood occurred in 1900.

(V) Albert Ernest Livengood, son of Jacob D. and Elizabeth (Beachy) Livengood, was born September 14, 1879, in Salisbury, where he attended the public schools. He entered the Western University of Pennsylvania, but at the end of his first year was compelled by the death of his father to return home to take charge of the business, which he has successfully conducted ever since. In 1895 he entered into partnership with J. L. Barchus, under the firm name of Barchus & Livengood, dry goods and clothing merchants, which business they have since carried on continuously and succesfully. Mr. Livengood is also interested in the firm of Livengood & Maust, Scott City, Kansas; in tracts of coal lands in West Virginia, and is a director in the First National Bank of Salisbury, Pennsylvania; vice-president of the Improved Traction Engine Company of Salisbury, vice-president of Salisbury Coal and Lumber Co., a West Virginia corporation, and treasurer of the Citizens' Light, Heat and Power Company. His political views and principles are those advocated and upheld by the Republican party. He is a member of the German Baptist Brethren church. Mr. Livengood is unmarried.

JOHN W. HAWES, M. D.

Dr. John W. Hawes, a practicing physician of Windber, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born February 14, 1870, a son of Mahlon and Lucy A. (Wright) Hawes.

The emigrant ancestor of this family in America was John Hawes (1), who was born in Germany in 1690, and, owing to the religious persecution of the times, was transported to this country, when an infant, by his cousin, Queen Mary II, of England. He landed in New York city, where he remained until his marriage, 1715, to Sarah Allen. The couple immediately removed to Haverstraw, New York, where they reared a family of six children, and of these two sons were killed in the Revolutionary war, at the battle of White Plains, New Jersey.

(II) William Hawes, son of John and Sarah (Allen) Hawes, was born in Haverstraw, New York, in 1730, and married, in 1751, Martha Wood. Of this marriage union fourteen children were born.

(III) Jonas Hawes, son of William and Martha (Wood) Hawes, was born in 1780, at Haverstraw, Rockhill county, New York. He removed to North Hector, Schuyler county, where he resided the remainder of his life. He was a farmer by occupation; in political proclivities, a Whig, and in religious faith, a Presbyterian. In 1812 he was drafted in the war of that year, and furnished a substitute. He married, in 1810, Rebecca Demand, and nine children were the issue of this union. Of these, two sons, Mathias and John, became medical practitioners; Edward made his home in Atlantic, Iowa, where he became superintendent of public schools. Jonas Hawes died in North Hector, New York, about 1864.

(IV) Mahlon Hawes, son of Jonas and Rebecca (Demand) Hawes, was born June 15, 1828. He, also, followed the quiet but useful occupation of a farmer. In his younger days he engaged in school teaching, and subsequently became a prominent educator of the day. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married, in 1865, Lucy A. Wright, a daughter of Harvey and Ruth Wright, and granddaughter of Luther Wright, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, who fought in that great struggle for eight years by the side of his father, Gideon Wright. Mahlon and Lucy (Wright) Hawes had children as follows: John W., to be further mentioned hereinafter; Fred S., M. D., born December 25, 1872, married Mary Marsh; Anna, born September 11, 1876; and Glen D., born February 26, 1880, married Estelle Swick, in 1901, who died in 1903, leaving one child, Elmer. The death of Mahlon Hawes occurred April 12, 1894.

(V) John W. Hawes obtained his initial education in the public schools of his native place. After two years spent in school teaching, he decided upon a medical career, and entered the Starkey Seminary at Eddytown, New York, where he prepared for college. He entered the University of Buffalo in 1892, and April 30, 1895, was graduated from the medical department of that institution. He immediately engaged in the practice of his profession in Anita, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, and on May 25, 1898, removed from there to Windber, where he has since resided, and where he has built up a very extensive and lucrative practice. He has been closely identified with the best interests of the town since its organization in 1898, and has always been a leading spirit in the advancement of all enterprises tending to increase the welfare of the community. He has been a member of the Board of Health for about four years, surgeon-in-chief to the Windber Hospital, and is a stockholder and director in the Windber National Bank, and president of the Home Drug Company, Limited. A Democrat by inheritance and conviction, Dr. Hawes is deeply interested in the progress of that party. By virtue of his ancestors he holds membership in the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

Dr. Hawes married, October 4, 1898, Margaret Kipp, a daughter of George W. and Martha A. Kipp, of Towanda, Pennsylvania. One child, John Kipp Hawes, was born to them, September 7, 1901.

JOSIAH D. SHAFFER.

Josiah D. Shaffer, a prominent citizen of Paint township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a descendant in the fifth generation of one of the pioneer families of Pennsylvania, who came to this country from Germany, and have helped in a great measure to build up its prosperity.

(I) Caleb Shaffer, the great-great-grandfather of Josiah D. Shaffer, was born in Germany, and emigrated to America about 1730. He settled in York county, Pennsylvania, about that time, and became the owner of a large tract of land. He married and reared a family.

(II) David Shaffer, son of Caleb Shaffer (1), was born in York county, Pennsylvania, about 1741. He removed to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, about 1812, and settled near Holsopple, afterward taking up land from the state, at a place now called Rummel, formerly Greenland. Here he lived and died, on the farm now owned by Andrew Shaffer. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and a Whig in politics. He married Catherine Faust, and they had ten children: John, see forward; Jacob, David, Levi, Jessie, Andrew, George, Daniel, Eve and Susie.

(III) John Shaffer, eldest child of David (2) and Catherine (Faust) Shaffer, was born about 1790. He came to Somerset county from York county, Pennsylvania, with his parents, about 1812, and followed the occupation of farming. He was a member of the Evangelical church, and in politics, a Whig. He died in 1889. He married, about 1816, Catherine Couster, and they had children: Philip, David, Susie, Susanna, William, Rebecca, David, see forward; Lizzie, Delia, Silas and John.

(IV) David J. Shaffer, fourth son and seventh child of John (3) and Catherine (Couster) Shaffer, was born January 27, 1828, died October 7, 1902. The opportunities for acquiring an education in those early days were few, but he was a man of good judgment and sterling qualities, and these made up for educational deficiencies. Later he gave his children all the advantages that the times and circumstances would permit, to acquire the learning he had been unable to obtain. He settled in Paint township, in 1852, on the farm purchased from his father, and there resided until 1864, when he removed to where Windber now stands. There he erected a saw and planing mill, in 1872, and fourteen years later moved it to Paint borough, where it is still in operation, conducted by his son, Josiah D. Shaffer, successfully for the past fifteen years. He was in the lumber, contracting and building business at the time of the great flood of May 31, 1889, at Johnstown. He was a member of the German Baptist church, in which he held the position of deacon, and affiliated with the Whig party. He served for a number of years as school director and supervisor. He was among the first to be drafted at the outbreak of the Civil war, and paid the three hundred dollars which the government accepted in lieu of his services. During 1863-4-5, he was post provost marshal and enrolling officer. He married, January 12, 1851, Rachel Holsopple, daughter of Isaac and Christiana Holsopple, and they had nine children: Frances, born August 28, 1851, died December 22, 1893; Isaac D., born February 2, 1854; Catherine A., January 16, 1856; Jacob W., January 18, 1858; Christiana, April 21, 1860; Josiah D., see forward; Lewis D., February 29, 1864; Daniel D., February 8, 1868, died December 6, 1900; Norman D., born December 14, 1869.

(V) Josiah D. Shaffer, third son and sixth child of David J. (4) and Rachel (Holsopple) Shaffer, was born in Paint township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, April 11, 1862. He married, May 5, 1887, Katie A. Baumgardner (or Bomgardner), born June 17, 1864, daughter of Michael Baumgardner, and they had children: 1. Daisy M., born May 19, 1888, was educated in the Paint borough schools, and is now teaching in the public schools. 2. Percy W., born October 28, 1889, educated in Paint borough schools, and is now teaching in the public schools. 3. Cloyd R., born February 25, 1891. 4. Morris A., May 13, 1893. 5. Edith M., April 14, 1899, died April 16, 1905. 6. Foster C., born November 16, 1900. 7. E. Robert, May 31, 1903.

AARON F. SWANK.

The family of which Aaron F. Swank, of Davidsville, is a representative was founded in this country by Thomas Swank, who settled about five miles north of Somerset. His son, John Swank, was born on the homestead and was a lifelong farmer. Politically he was a Whig. His wife was Katharine Cupp, and they were the parents of the following children: Six daughters, who were married respectively to Samuel Zimmerman, John Baldwin, David Mostoller, Ed Mostoller and Levi Coleman; Nancy, wife of Peter Lenhart; and Thomas, Daniel and David, the latter mentioned at length hereinafter. Mr. Swank and his wife were members of the Lutheran church.

David Swank, son of John and Katharine (Cupp) Swank, was born in 1824 on the homestead, where he grew to manhood. Like his father, he followed agricultural pursuits. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. Swank married, in 1850, Elizabeth, born May 7, 1833, in Milford township, daughter of George and Salome (Haines) Shaver, the latter a native of Virginia. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Swank: Ephraim and Aaron F., mentioned at length hereinafter. Mr. Swank died September 6, 1856, at the early age of thirty-two. He was a member of the Lutheran church. His widow married David H. Young, by whom she became the mother of the following children: Russell, Milton M.; Anna Belle, deceased; Sadie, Minnie, and George, who died in infancy.

Aaron F. Swank, son of David and Elizabeth (Shaver) Swank, was born October 16, 1853, in Somerset township, and after the death of his father was received into the family of his grandfather Shaver, with whom he remained until his fourteenth year. He attended the common schools and Somerset Normal School; also, for one term, a school at Stoyestown. His education was acquired by making the most of his opportunities and by improving all his spare moments while a worker on the farm. At the age of seventeen he began teaching in what was known as the "Snyder's mill school," and taught eleven terms in different districts in the county. After his marriage he settled on the old Johns homestead, where he has since followed agricultural pursuits. He has held the various ward appointments of the township, and in 1904 was elected county poor director. He is a Republican, and for more than a quarter of a century has held the office of elder in the Lutheran church.

Mr. Swank married, November 14, 1875, Lizzie, daughter of Joseph Johns, a sketch of whose life appears on another page, and their children were: 1. Lydia, born in 1876, married M. H. Myers and had five children, Ethel, Melda, Herbert, Mary and Blanche. 2. Salome, born June 3, 1877, wife of David

Stevens, has two children, Tracy June and Lizzie May. 3. Jemima, died in infancy. 4. David, born May 15, 1880, drowned in North Dakota, August 28, 1905. 5. Sarah, born June 15, 1882, at home. 6. Anna, born April 28, 1884, wife of Loransa Kaufman, has one child, Lizzie V. 7. Trella, born March 14, 1898.

JOSEPH OLDHAM.

Joseph Oldham, of Shade township, Somerset county, is a great-grandson of Thomas Oldham, who came from England in 1768 and settled in Philadelphia, subsequently moving to Adams county. He married a Blackburn and their family consisted of three children: William, mentioned at length hereinafter; Thomas, born in 1782, married ——— McCreary; and Alice, born in 1784, wife of Aaron Frazier.

William Oldham, son of Thomas and ——— (Blackburn) Oldham, was born in 1781 in Adams county, and in 1825 moved from Bedford county to Shade township, where he purchased two hundred and fifty acres of land at fifty cents an acre, paying for it by hunting wolves. He was an expert hunter, once shooting seven wolves in one day. After killing six he took a torch, went into the den, drove out the seventh and shot it. Mr. Oldham, assisted by a neighbor, once killed nine deer in one day. On one occasion he saw a large black bear in the woods, and, creeping within ten rods of it, leveled his rifle and fired. The bear ran directly toward the hunter, going several rods beyond him, and then, turning sharply round, came toward him. Mr. Oldham began to climb a tree, the bear pursuing, and just as he reached the tree dropping dead, to the great relief of the hunter.

The first sawmill in Somerset county was built by Mr. Oldham in 1833. He did all the work with a broadax, using no sawed timber or boards in its construction. Thenceforth he engaged in the lumber business. He also built a gristmill, and in 1840 erected the Rockingham furnace, the second in the township. It was not, however, a success, and he returned to farming and lumbering for the remainder of his life. He was a Democrat and a member of the Society of Friends.

Mr. Oldham married, about 1806, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Calathan, and their children were: 1. Thomas, born about 1810, married Elizabeth Bone and had five children. 2. Rebecca, born in 1812, wife of John Elison, had six children, one of whom, John, died in the army in 1860. 3. Polly, born in 1814, wife of Harrison Jones, had six children. 4. Elsie, born in 1816, wife of Charles Wilson, had four children, one of whom, David, died in the army. 5. Nathan, born in 1818, married ——— Heninger, had seven children. 6. Hettie, born in 1820, wife of William Cardif, had six children. 7. William, mentioned at length hereinafter. 8. Elizabeth, twin to William, born September 9, 1822, wife of Nathan Miller, had six children. 9. John, born in 1824, married ——— McGrew had six children. 10. Jethro, born in 1826, married Sarah Barder, had four children. The death of Mr. Oldham occurred in 1854.

William Oldham, son of William and Elizabeth (Calathan) Oldham, was born September 9, 1822, in Napier township, Bedford county, and settled on the farm he now occupies. He served two terms as supervisor of the township. He is a Democrat and an orthodox member of the Society of Friends. Mr. Oldham married, April 12, 1847, Mary, daughter of Samuel Berkebile, and they were the parents of the following children: 1. Emily, born April 12, 1849, wife of Jacob Hight. 2. Joseph, mentioned at length hereinafter. 3. Nathan, born April 7, 1852, married Clara Kuhns, had one child. 4. Marian, born November 25, 1853, wife of ——— Crum, had eight children. 5. Harrison, born April 7, 1855, married Hannah Rodgers, had six children. 6. Rebecca, born March 15, 1857, wife of George Laton, has two children.

Joseph Oldham, son of William and Mary (Berkebile) Oldham, was born September 2, 1850, and is a farmer, living on and owning the old homestead. He is a Democrat and a member of the Christian church. Mr. Oldham married a daughter of ——— Berkebile and the following are their children: 1. William E., born January 16, 1876, married Lizzie Herthrew, has three children. 2. Alda, born June 13, 1878, wife of Harris Lambert, has two children. 3. Frank J., born October 28, 188—, married Jennie Smith, has one child. 4. J. Hite, born February 21, 1883. 5. Harold A., born May 28, 1884. 6. George C., born July 17, 1889.

HARVEY W. KURTZ.

Harvey W. Kurtz, who is one of the prosperous business men of Confluence, is a son of the late Henry Kurtz, of whom a short biography appears in another place in this work.

Harvey W. Kurtz was born at Norristown, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1865. Soon after his birth his parents moved to Roxbury, where, after attaining sufficient age, he attended the public schools for a few years, when the family moved to Carlisle, where Harvey W. attended school until his eleventh year. Here the indomitable industry and perseverance that have characterized him since cropped out, causing him to leave school and seek active employment. He started to drive a cart, in which occupation he remained until his thirteenth year, when he went to work in a sawmill and continued in this and the lumber woods until he was twenty-four years old. About this time his father, whose insight into the lumber business caused him to follow the current where the best trade and most profitable business could be done, moved successively to Cumberland, Juniata and Huntingdon counties, and reached Somerset county in 1881, settling at Ursina, where he remained over a year, and finally, in 1883, the whole family moved to Confluence, where Harvey W. remained since. Here it might be said of the elder Mr. Kurtz that in all his business enterprises and removals he always made it a point to have his family together, where they could receive his advice and the advantages of his business experience. Harvey W. Kurtz, in 1889, started in the mercantile business, in which he has been very successful since. At the same time his brother, Harry W. Kurtz, who now resides in Weston, West Virginia, lived here and the similarity of the two names, Harvey W. and Harry W., being so near, in order to prevent confusion the former discarded the initial "W" and added the word "Junior," making the title of the firm Harvey Kurtz, Junior, by which cognomen he is known since among both his associates and in business circles. Since starting business at Confluence he has been very successful, and from a small country store he has added to the business until the establishment is one of the prosperous ones in the county, handling all kinds of general merchandise, country produce, etc. He is a hard working, persevering man, and from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. every business day in the year, unless unavoidably absent through business or sickness, he can be found in his store, his only recreation being a day taken once in a great while, at which pastime he is always successful. Mr. Kurtz believes in an undivided individual responsibility, and is not much of an admirer of partnerships. He sees the necessity of looking over both business and employes personally.

In the summer of 1881 he married Miss Ella Morrison, and they have three interesting children, a girl and two boys. He owns a fine store building and residence combined, and also another fine house in the most beautiful residential portion of the town, besides other buildings and lots in the business section of town. His career shows what industry, coupled with good, conservative business acumen, can accomplish.

FRANK ULAM DAUGHERTY.

Frank Ulam Daugherty, of Ursina, was born November 22, 1869, at Saltsburg, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, son of William M. Daugherty, who was born July, 1847, in the same place and received his education at the old Saltsburg Academy. William M. Daugherty learned the cooper's trade, which he followed until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted as drummer boy in Company A, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Captain J. K. Weaver, and served until November 14, 1864, when he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg.

He was for twenty-four years employed as conductor by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company and is now enrolled on the retired list of the company, his home being at Meyersdale. He was drum major of the Tenth Regiment at the parade of the National Guard held at Saltsburg in 1876, during Governor Hoyt's administration. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Daugherty married Sadie Rumbaugh, of near Salina, Bell township, Westmoreland county, and they were the parents of five sons: 1. Frank Ulam, of whom later. 2. Joseph Llewellyn, married Maggie, daughter of John and Elizabeth Knepp, of Larimer township, has six children, William, Rose, Elizabeth, Carl, Evaline and Clara. 3. James William, married Lillie, daughter of John and Mary Brand, of Haysmill. 4. Charles Barclay. 5. Thomas, married Edna, daughter of John Smiley, of Elwood City, Pennsylvania. The mother of these children died February 19, 1880, at the early age of twenty-nine, and three years after Mr. Daugherty married Mary, widow of Smith Wilcox, of Saltsburg.

Frank Ulam Daugherty, son of William M. and Sadie (Rumbaugh) Daugherty, was educated in the public schools of Saltsburg and Meyersdale and at the preparatory school presided over by Professor J. D. Meeses at Meyersdale. He learned railroad telegraphy with W. H. Habel, then agent at Saltsburg Junction, and from 1885 to 1894 was employed as station agent by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. Since October, 1894, he has been proprietor of the Riverview Inn, Ursina. He is a Republican and takes a very active part in the politics of his county and state.

Mr. Daugherty married, April 17, 1890, Josephine, daughter of Thomas and Josephine (Keating) Eckard, of Elk Lick, and their children were: Sadie, Mary, died at the age of four years and eight months; Barbara, Dorothy and William.

JOHN B. PARNELL.

John B. Parnell, of Ursina, was born March 28, 1861, in Addison township, son of Thomas Perry Parnell, who was born in the same township, where he received his education in the common schools. He learned the carpenter's trade, which became his means of livelihood. In politics he adhered to the Republican party. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Confluence. Mr. Parnell married Lavila, daughter of a Mr. Bowlin, a farmer of Fayette county, and their children were: John B., of whom later. Mary, wife of John Dias, has one child, Iva. Maggie, widow of Elmer E. Kennedy, who died in 1900; had one child, Pearl. Joseph Sheridan.

John B. Parnell, son of Thomas Perry and Lavila (Bowlin) Parnell, obtained his education in the Walker's Mills school house in Addison township, and was at one time devoted to agriculture, while at another he was engaged in business as a butcher. He has now for four years operated the Ursina gristmill. He is a Republican in politics. Mr. Parnell married, November 24, 1881, Ella, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Braugher) Altfather, the former at that time in charge of the Ursina gristmill. Mr. and Mrs. Parnell had children: Harry, born May 7, 1883, died November 27, 1889; Merrill, born June 26, 1884, married Sadie, daughter of Jacob Rush, of Ursina, has two children: Clema, born August 16, 1902, and Frederick, born March 4. 1904; Mr. and Mrs. Parnell reside in Pittsburg. Russell, born November 23, 1885. Edgar, born March 16, 1887. Willie, born November 30, 1888, now deceased. Elizabeth, born December 11, 1891. Herman, born August 30, 1893.

KIRK HENDRICKSON.

Kirk Hendrickson, of Confluence, was born November 18, 1877, in Allegheny county, Maryland, son of Winfield Scott Hendrickson and grandson of William Hendrickson, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and about 1850 moved to Allegheny county, Maryland, where he engaged in farming. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. William Hendrickson was the father of the following children: George, Perry, John, Winfield Scott, of whom later; Thornton, Elmira, Sarah, Anna, and two whose names are unknown. Mr. Hendrickson died in 1884, and the death of his wife occurred in 1899.

Winfield Scott Hendrickson, son of William Hendrickson, was born in Allegheny county, Maryland, where he is now engaged in business as a contractor and painter. For three terms he served as city treasurer of Davis, West Virginia. He votes with the Republicans and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hendrickson married, December, 1876, Sarah Jane, daughter of James Dean, of Allegheny county, Maryland, and their children were: Kirk, of whom later; Bertha, born July, 1879, wife of A. K. Burleigh, of Thomas, West Virginia, engineer on Wabash Railroad, has three children. Everhard Marsh, born July, 1882, clerk in Smith House, Connellsville. Howard, born March, 1889, of Davis, West Virginia. Claude, born 1892. Nellie, born 1895.

Kirk Hendrickson, son of Winfield Scott and Sarah Jane (Dean) Hendrickson, received his education in the common schools of his native township and at the Davis (West Virginia) high school. For seven years he was employed at the Smith House, Connellsville, part of the time as clerk and the remainder as manager. Since September 4, 1905, he has been proprietor of the Hotel Gilchrist, Confluence. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Hendrickson married, November 26, 1901, Fannie B., daughter of John F. and ——— (Francis) Martin, of Connellsville, and they have three children: Kirk Fuller, born August 10, 1902; Ralph Bernard, born November 24, 1903, and Sarah Kephart, born March 11, 1905, died April 5, 1906. Mrs. Hendrickson is a member of the United Presbyterian church of Connellsville.

WILLIAM HARRISON ZUFALL.

William Harrison Zufall, of Harnedsville, was born October 29, 1858, in the town of Somerset, son of Isaac Zufall and grandson of John Zufall, of Somerset county, where the family has been resident for at least three generations.

Isaac Zufall, son of John Zufall, was born February 11, 1832, in Somerset county, and during the Civil war served in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, First Division, Third Brigade, Second Army Regiment, under Captains Mead and Weaver. He participated in many battles and was killed May 10, 1864, in the Seven-Days fight at the battle of the Wilderness. Isaac Zufall married, December 1, 1857, Regina, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Herch) Martz, of Southampton township, and their children were: 1. William Harrison, of whom later. 2. Catharine Anna, born September 17, 1860, died March 17, 1902; married (first) I. N. Kemp, from whom she was divorced in 1898; (second) George B. Kingsland, of Allegheny City; children by first marriage, Sadie and Grace. 3. George Monroe, born November 10, 1862, of Colorado City, Colorado, married Emma E. Wilson, of Grand Valley, Colorado. 4. Isaac Francis, born March 10, 1864, died May 20, 1893; married Corda Rhoads, of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Zufall, the mother of these children, married, February 19, 1867, Jonathan Jackson Daniels, and two children were born to them: Harry Ellsworth, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Arthur Jonathan, born July 27, 1872, married Anna Smith, of Butler, Pennsylvania.

William Harrison Zufall, son of Isaac and Regina (Martz) Zufall, was educated in the public schools of Somerset county, and learned the plasterer's trade, which he followed for twenty years. For the last ten years he has been engaged in painting and papering. He is now serving a term of five years as justice of the peace of Lower Turkeyfoot township. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican. He is a member of the United Evangelical church.

Mr. Zufall married, March 19, 1900, Daisy Deborah, daughter of John and Sarah (Meyers) Shoemaker, of Hyndman, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and they had three children: Ina May, born May 15, 1901; Dolly Blanche, born July 21, 1902, died September 9, 1902; and Topona Aileena, born June 22, 1903.

PETER JAMES SNYDER.

Peter James Snyder, of Fort Hill, was born January 24, 1861, near Berlin, Brothers Valley township, son of William Snyder, grandson of George Snyder and great-grandson of Michael Snyder, a farmer of Brothers Valley township. George Snyder also was a Somerset county farmer. William Snyder, son of George Snyder, was born in 1835, and like his father and grandfather followed agricultural pursuits in his native county. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John and ——— (Real) Poister, the former a miller of Rockwood, and their family consisted of the following children: Peter James, of whom later; Elizabeth, at home; Ellen Hering, of Beaman, Iowa; and William J., of Green Mountain, Iowa.

Peter James Snyder, son of William and Elizabeth (Poister) Snyder, received his education in the Fort Hill school house, and has always led the life of a farmer within the boundaries of his native county of Somerset. He has also been extensively engaged in the milling business, having operated the Wiltrout and Rockwood mills and now having charge of the Fort Hill mill. In the sphere of politics he affiliates with the Republican party, giving to its principles and doctrines the aid of his support. He is a member of the Church of God.

Mr. Snyder married, August 27, 1884, Victoria McClintock, of Addison township, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of the following children: Mary Ellen, wife of Garfield Leslie, of Black township, two children, Mamie and Hazel; Lydia Amanda, wife of Frank Hay, of Black township; Maggie, Elmer Harrison, Annie, Minnie, Grant, Maud, Toilie, Laura, and Lester.

TANNEHILL FAMILY.

Zachariah L. Tannehill, of Draketown, and his son, James Tannehill, of Confluence, are descended from ancestors who were among the early settlers of Bedford and Somerset counties. Zachariah Tannehill, father of Zachariah L. and grandfather of James, was born in 1795, one mile from Draketown, Lower Turkeyfoot township, which then formed part of Bedford county. He was educated in the common schools of his native township, and was all his life engaged in farming and stock-raising. For a number of years he held the office of constable, and also served several terms as assessor. He was a noted hunter, killing, in the course of his career as a pioneer, no fewer than three hundred deer, and also numbering a bear among his trophies, all within the limits of his native township. In politics he was a Whig and in his latter years joined the Republican party.

Zachariah Tannehill married, in 1820, Mary, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (King) Lanning, of Chester, New Jersey, and their children were: Delila; Eli, served during the Civil war in the Two Hundred and Twelfth Regiment, Heavy Artillery, and was killed in front of Petersburg; Joseph, served in Company G, Eighty-fifth Regiment, died at Ollie Island, South Carolina; William, died at the age of eighteen from injuries received at a sawmill; Sallie, killed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, at Connellsville; Victor, of Highland county, Ohio; Chares, died at the age of three years; Zachariah L., of whom later; Mary Ann, wife of David Mitchell, of Addison township; Matilda, wife of A. J. Case, of Fort Hill, near Ursina; Nancy, wife of Henry Whipkey, of near New Lexington, Somerset county.

Zachariah L. Tannehill, son of Zachariah and Mary (Lanning) Tannehill, was born April 24, 1834, in Lower Turkeyfoot township, then Bedford, now Somerset county, and received his early education in the common schools, whence he passed to the normal school at Paddytown. After completing his education he taught for nine years in the schools of Somerset county, and for seven years thereafter conducted a shoe shop at Draketown, also working for a number of years at the carpenter's trade. He has now for many years been engaged in farming. November 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Captain William P. Brown and Colonel Samuel Zulick commanding. He was with General Sherman through that commander's southern campaign and received a slight wound in the back while on a scouting expedition. He was mustered out July 17, 1865, near Alexandria, Virginia, and was paid off and honorably discharged in Philadelphia. For eighteen years he served his township as school director, and has now entered upon his third term as justice of the peace. He is a Republican and a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Tannehill married, March 3, 1857, Susan, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Silbaugh) Hinebaugh, the former a farmer of Addison township. Mr. and Mrs. Tannehill have been the parents of the following children: Howard, died at the age of three years; Norman, lumberman of Lower Turkey-Foot township, assessor, married Isabella Cohn, seven children: Mary, Harry, Sarah, Alma, Willis, Esther and Palmer; George, at home; James, of whom later; Elizan, wife of Jacob Cohn, of

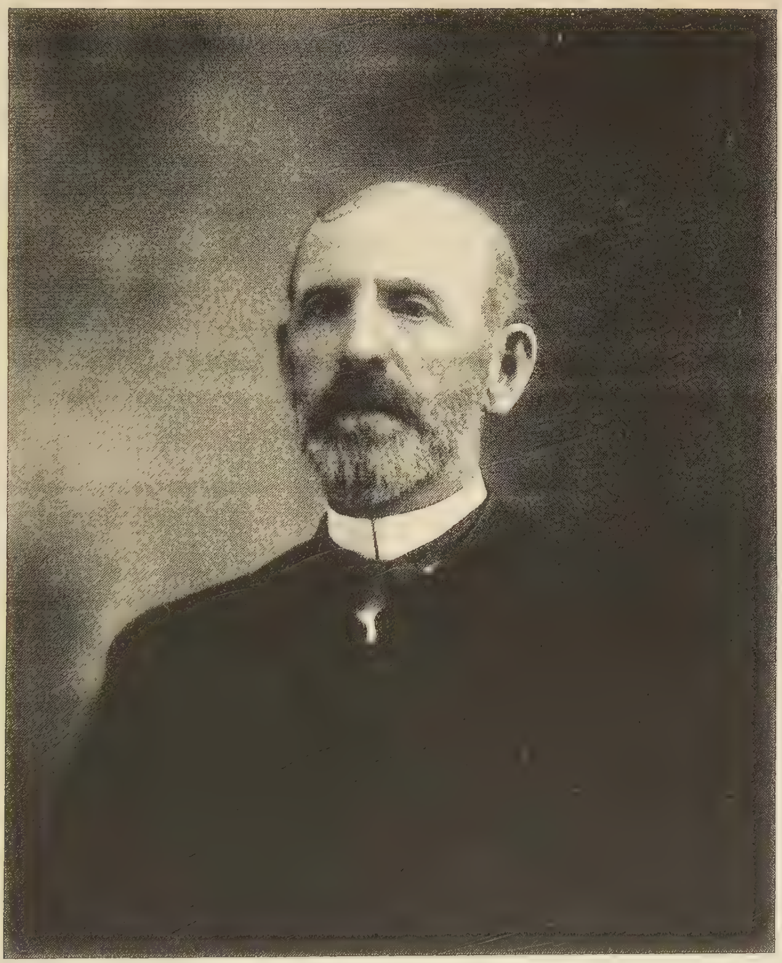
Somerset township, eight children: Albere, died at the age of sixteen years; Ira, William, Etta, Grace, Elizabeth, Rowland and Harry; Cora, wife of H. H. Witt, of Wheeler, Fayette county, two children: George, died at the age of three years, and Donald Rosevelt.

James Tannehill, son of Zachariah L. and Susan (Hinebaugh) Tannehill, was born October 22, 1876, and is now engaged in mercantile business at Confluence. He and his brother George kept a general store in Draketown, Pennsylvania, one year, and then moved to Confluence and went into the mercantile business. James Tannehill followed the trade of carpenter for about two years, and was census enumerator in 1890. He married, December 17, 1903, Jennie, daughter of Alexander and Minerva (Hyatt) Roomsburg, of Draketown, and they are the parents of two children: A child born October 8, 1904, died October 10, 1904; Carl, born October 10, 1905. Jennie (Roomsburg) Tannehill, his wife, was born in Fayette county, in 1882, moved to Somerset county in 1890.

JACOB W. PECK.

Jacob W. Peck, a successful farmer of Summit township, Somerset county, and a minister of the German Baptist Brethren church, descends from one of the old families of the county. He was born in what was formerly Addison (now Elk Lick) township, June 18, 1845, the son of John and Elizabeth (Maust) Peck, the grandson of John Jacob and Annie (Olinger) Peck, and the great-grandson of the American ancestors, John Adam and Katarina Fillabina (Smith) Peck.

John Adam Peck was born in Switzerland, of German parents, about the year 1750. He came to America in the ship "Hamilton," sailing from Rotterdam, on October 6, 1767, landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On April 12, 1772, he married Katarina Fillabina Smith. They settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. John Adam was a weaver, and became possessed of considerable property. This he sold and received payment in Continental money, which so depreciated in value that it caused his financial ruin. With wife and family he packed his belongings in a "prairie schooner" and crossed the mountains to southern Ohio, where his health failed him. He contracted ague, and was compelled to return to the more healthy region of Pennsylvania, where he settled in Addison township, Somerset county. Here he cleared a farm from the wilderness and here died and was buried on the farm. This farm is now owned by two of his great-grandchildren. John was a favorite name in the family, as the following list of the children of John Adam and Katarina F. (Smith) Peck will show: John Jacob, grandfather of Jacob W. Peck; John, John Daniel, John George,



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John Peter, Henry, whose given name was most likely John; Catherine, Elizabeth.

(II) John Jacob Peck was born at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1773. He was a farmer and helped clear the homestead farm in Elk Lick. He was a religious man and a faithful member of the Brethren church. He was a Whig in politics. He married Annie Olinger, December 22, 1799. The children of John Jacob and Annie (Olinger) Peck were thirteen. It was in this generation that the name changed from Pick, the original form, to Peck: Susannah, Mary D., John, Sarah, Catharine, Jacob, Jonas, John, the father of Jacob W.; Elias, the only living member of the family, lives in Falls City, Nebraska, aged ninety-two years; Lydia D., Eliza, Moses, Daniel. John Jacob Peck died March 2, 1852.

(III) John Peck, the eighth child and fourth son of John Jacob and Annie (Olinger) Peck, was born on the farm in Elk Lick, September 18, 1813. He received a limited education in the subscription schools of the day. He became a farmer, and with his brother Jonas owned a farm of eight hundred acres, a greater part of which they had reclaimed from the forest. In 1856 John bought out his brother and became sole owner. He was an extensive stock-raiser as well as farmer. In church relations he was a German Baptist and strictly observed the rules of that denomination. He was faithful to all his obligations and a good citizen. Politically he was a Republican of the deepest dye. John Peck married, November 13, 1837, Elizabeth Maust, born May 1, 1818, a daughter of Abraham Maust. The children born to John and Elizabeth (Maust) Peck are: William, a retired farmer and owner of part of the home farm; he married Mary A. Weimer and has four sons, Sherman, Albert, Jonas and Charles. Mahlon, died in infancy. Abraham, deceased; he was a farmer near Friedens; he married Lucinda Barclay and had one daughter, Ada (Mrs. George Reitz). Jacob M., see forward. Sarah Ann (Mrs. Jacob M. Fike), lives near Somerset and has one son, John. Magdalena, married Samuel P. Meyers, of Meyersdale; they have two daughters, Elizabeth (Mrs. C. C. Heckle) and Emma (Mrs. S. S. Rickard). Two other daughters perished at the burning of the Meyers residence in Meyersdale several years ago. Lewis A., a farmer, owning the larger part of the home farm; he is a minister of the German Baptist Brethren church; his first wife was Mary Fike, to whom was born Howard, Cora and Stella (Mrs. Dalton Cook); his second wife was Annie Baer, to whom has been born John Galen and May. Elizabeth (Mrs. J. P. Growall) of Rockwood. Jonas and Susan, twins; Jonas died in infancy and Susan is Mrs. Cyrus A. Just, of Meyersdale; their children are Sadie, Edith and Florence. Mary, died in childhood. John Peck, the father of these children, died May 1, 1890, and Elizabeth (Maust) Peck, their mother, passed away September 22, 1896.

(IV) Jacob W. Peck, fourth son and child of John and Elizabeth (Maust) Peck, was educated in the public schools. He worked on the farm for his father until of age, and for six years thereafter, until his marriage at the age of twenty-seven, was in his father's employ. After marriage he rented a farm in Elk Lick, which he worked for one year and then rented the home farm for two years, at which time he became by purchase the owner of one-half the homestead, which he cultivated for six years. He then bought a farm at Summit Mills and moved thereto, renting out his other farm. For four years he owned and worked the Summit Mills farm and then sold it. In 1884 he bought the fine farm near Meyersdale, known as the Abraham Saylor farm, and one of the highest priced farms in the neighborhood. Here Mr. Peck has since resided. The farm contains one hundred and ninety-two acres, all under cultivation except twenty acres leased to the Meyersdale Fair Association. There are extensive orchards and commodious barns and buildings on the property. In 1887 Mr. Peck built the present residence building. He carries on a general farming business and is rated as one of the most successful farmers of Somerset county.

In 1870 Mr. Peck became a member of the German Baptist church. He became a deacon and studied for the ministry, to which he was in due time elected in the first degree, passed to the second and then to the third degree as minister and bishop of the Summit Mills congregation, preaching in two churches. Mr. Peck is a well-read man and stands high in the estimation of those who know him. Politically he is a Republican. He has been director of the poor for Somerset county and was president of the board that erected the building for the insane. For fifteen years he was auditor of Summit township, and is one of the present board of supervisors. In 1900 he was United States census enumerator.

Mr. Peck chose as his life partner Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Beachley) Flickinger, of Elk Lick township. She was born November 29, 1849, and was married to Jacob Peck on December 29, 1872. She is a member of the same church as her husband. The children of this marriage are: Cora Alice, born October 25, 1873; she married John P. Saylor and lives on the adjoining farm; they have three children, J. Vincent, Emmert and Alva. Lloyd Dillon, born August 29, 1875; he has taught several years in the public schools, but is now a farmer with his father. John Elmer, born July 18, 1877, also a farmer. Emma May, born April 10, 1880, at home. Carrie, born April 8, 1882, who makes her home with Bishop Lint in Meyersdale. Missouri, born June 21, 1883, stenographer in the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale. Sadie Pearl, born May 30, 1886, at home. Robert Earl, born December 5, 1887, a farmer. The children are all members of the same church with their parents and the sons vote the Republican ticket. They have all received good educations and are well equipped for life's battle.

JOEL GNAGEY.

The family of which Joel Gnagey, of West Meyersdale, is a representative was founded in this country by Christian Gnaegi, that being the original orthography of the name. Christian Gnaegi was a native of Switzerland and emigrated to the American colonies between 1750 and 1760. He settled in what is now Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and in 1774 entered by tomahawk claim five hunderd acres of land, which now form the site of Meyersdale. He later settled in Harrison county, Ohio, where he died, April 6, 1812, at an extreme old age. Christian Gnaegi was the father of the following children: Johannes, see forward; Christian, Jacob, born February 23, 1780; Joseph, Magdalena, Mary, Barbara, Anna, Catarina and Gertrude.

Johannes Gnaegi, son of Christian Gnaegi, was born in Somerset county and was a farmer and a member of the Mennonite church. He married Elizabeth Stutzman and their children were: Anna, born December 30, 1787; Catarina, February 8, 1789; Christian, see forward; Barbara, August 5, 1791; and Elizabeth, September 15, 1792. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Gnaegi married Elizabeth Miller, by whom he was the father of one son and four daughters: Jacob, born August 5, 1796; Sarah, June 27, 1798; Susanna, September 20, 1799; Gertrude and Veronica.

Christian Gnagey, son of Johannes and Elizabeth (Stutzman) Gnagey, was born June 16, 1790, in Summit township, and was, like his father, a tiller of the soil. To the close of his life he was a member of the Brethren church. Mr. Gnagey married, December 5, 1813, Barbara, born August 1, 1792, daughter of John Blucher, of Maryland, and their children were: Sarah, born March 26, 1815; Elizabeth, March 30, 1816; John, April 27, 1817; Jonathan, January 11, 1819; Emmanuel, May 12, 1820; Christian, July 17, 1822; Jacob, February 20, 1825; Barbara, April 1, 1827; Benedict, May 2, 1829; Andrew, November 20, 1831; and Joel, see forward. Mrs. Gnagey died May 6, 1836, and is buried on the home farm. The second wife of Mr. Gnagey was Caroline Walter, whom he married November 5, 1843. His death occurred June 11, 1880.

Joel Gnagey, son of Christian and Barbara (Blucher) Gnagey, was born February 9, 1836, in Summit township, where he attended the public schools until the age of nineteen. He assisted in his father's labors until 1858, when he took the home farm and thenceforth cultivated it continuously for forty-four years. In 1902 he relinquished his labors and built for himself a house in West Meyersdale, to which he retired and in which he now lives. Politically Mr. Gnagey is a Republican. He has been for many years a member of the Brethren church, and since 1875 has been an acceptable preacher of that denomination. Since 1885 he has served as an ordained elder.

Mr. Gnagey married, January 31, 1858, Catharine, daughter of John Fike, of Summit township, and twelve children were born to them, among whom were the following: Amanda, born January 22, 1859, died July 21, 1886. She was the wife of Milton C. Horner and mother of Cora and Foster Horner. Cora Horner married William Bittner, of Maryland, and they have Mary, Emmet and Galen Bittner, great-grandchildren of Joel and Catharine (Fike) Gnagey. Ellen B., born July 29, 1860, wife of Samuel Lichty, of Falls City, Nebraska, one child, Ruth Lichty. Anna, born July 12, 1862, wife of M. Sherman Peck, of Somerset county, three children, May, Grace and Nina Peck. Ida, born May 10, 1864, widow of John H. Cable, of Iowa. Eliza, born August 1, 1866, wife of Samuel Sweitzer, of Iowa. William, born February 1, 1869, a farmer of Berlin, married Cora Boose; three children, Lucille, John Walter and Robert. John E., born July 7, 1873, married Alice Blough, of Illinois. Emma, born April 10, 1875, wife of Harvey J. Speicher, of Accident, Maryland; five children, Earl, Walter, Hobart, Dwight and Glen. Sadie, born October 1, 1878, wife of Henry M. Speicher, of Accident, Maryland; two children, Emmerson and Coit. Grace, born August 9, 1880, attends school in Mount Morris, Illinois. Della, born May 10, 1882, in Pasadena, California.

ELBRIDGE C. KYLE.

Elbridge C. Kyle, proprietor of the Colonial Hotel, of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Stoystown, Somerset county, January 13, 1871, a son of Edgar and Ellen (Statler) Kyle. His grandfather, James Kyle, was born 1820, in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and he removed to Somerset about 1842. He married Jane Allison, a niece of Senator Edgar Cowan, of Westmoreland county, and they had one child, Edgar, see forward. James Kyle removed to San Francisco about 1843 and there died in 1844. Jane, his widow, lives in Jenner township, aged eighty.

Edgar Kyle (father) was born October 6, 1844, in Jenner township, Somerset county, and attended the public schools of that place until 1861, when he, in company with about thirty-nine of his schoolmates, enlisted in the army, Company C, Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain E. D. Youtzy. After the expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted, in December, 1863, in the same company. He participated in the following battles, besides many minor engagements: New Market, Piedmont, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Highbridge, Cedar Creek, Hatch's Run, Wilderness, Antietam and three days at Gettysburg. He was wounded at Gettysburg, Piedmont and Petersburg. Upon his return to civil life Mr. Kyle located in Jenner township, Somerset county, and until 1879 was there engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1882 he opened a general store at Stoystown, Somerset county, being associated with two other merchants. The firm name was Bowman, Griffin & Kyle, and the business was a highly successful and profitable one. In 1887 Mr. Kyle removed to Meyersdale, where he has since been located and engaged for four years in the conduct of the Jones House, a first-class hostlery. For two years he was proprietor of Somerset House, Somerset, since which time he has lived a private life.

Politically, Edgar Kyle is a sound and loyal Republican and takes a deep and lasting interest in the welfare of that organization. In 1878 he was elected sheriff of Somerset county for a term of three years. He was elected justice of the peace of Stoyestown in 1884, to serve for a term of five years, but resigned this office in 1887. He has served nine years as constable and eight years as judge of elections in Somerset county. He is a trustworthy, faithful citizen, and in all the positions of trust and responsibility to which he has been elected has discharged his duties most acceptably. Fraternally, Mr. Kyle holds membership in the F. and A. M., No. 554, of Somerset; Hebron Chapter, No. 272, of Meyersdale; I. O. O. F., No. 278, of Stoystown; Knights of Pythias, of Meyersdale; and Grand Army of the Republic, Post 210, of Somerset. In church connections he is a Lutheran.

Edgar Kyle married, December 25, 1866, Ellen, born July 7, 1844, daughter of Henry Statler, of Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and of this marriage the children were: Lucy, born October 1, 1867, married Dr. P. P. Ritter, of Meyersdale. Marion, born October 28, 1868, married (first) John F. Cover; two children, Lester and Nellie Cover; married (second) Morgan Walker, of Summit township. Elbridge C., see forward. N. Bowman, born February 19, 1874, general agent for Windber Brewing Company, of Pittsburg. Edith, died 1889. Nellie, died 1880. Edna, born June 8, 1882, married Carl Miller, of Meyersdale.

Elbridge C. Kyle, third child and eldest son of Edgar and Ellen (Statler) Kyle, obtained his education in the common schools of Stoystown, and at the early age of twelve years commenced to make his own way in the world, engaging as telegraph operator with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. The following year, 1884, he entered his father's mercantile store at Stoystown, remaining there until 1887, when the firm dissolved partnership. He then removed to Meyersdale, and in the winter of 1887-88 very wisely gave his attention to study, attending the high school, thereby better equipping himself for his future business career. In the spring of 1888 he went to Fairport, Ohio, in the employ of the car service department of the Pittsburg & Northwestern Dock Company, retaining this connection until 1898, when he returned to Meyersdale, and until 1892 was clerk in the Jones House, now the Klare Hotel. He was then given the position of manager of the Somerset Hotel at Somerset, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1895. In the spring of that year he entered the service of the Bedford Springs Hotel Company and booked for them for the season. In October, 1895, he removed to Baltimore, Maryland, and engaged with the Stafford Hotel Company, booking for them at London, Paris and Vienna, as well as in all the large cities in the United States. October 5, 1901, Mr. Kyle formed a partnership with C. H. Knapp, and together they purchased the Hotel Stein, of Meyersdale, and conducted it under the firm name of E. C. Kyle & Company until November 13, 1902, when the house was burned to the ground. They immediately set themselves to the task of rebuilding, and January 1, 1903, opened for the first time the large Colonial Hotel, which takes its name from the architecture, and is one of the finest hotels in the county and of excellent appointments and cuisine. The building is four stories in height, one hundred and sixty-five feet deep and fifty feet front, comprising sixty-four sleeping rooms, besides excellent baths, reading rooms, parlors, etc.

In his political affiliations Mr. Kyle accords allegiance to the Republican party. He is a member of the B. P. O. E., No. 175, Johnstown; the Hotel Men's Association of the United States and Canada, being a member of the Maryland branch of same, which branch he and James P. O'Connor, manager of the Hotel Rennert, of Baltimore, organized in 1889, and is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Kyle is unmarried.

BURKHOLDER FAMILY.

James Wesley Burkholder, of Nicolay, is one of the representatives of a numerous family. He is a son of Daniel Burkholder, who was born September 26, 1815, in Somerset county, and passed his life as a farmer and stock-raiser in Lower Turkeyfoot township. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Daniel Burkholder married Catharine, born August 1, 1822, in Centerville, Milford township, daughter of Christian and Mary (Pritts) Cramer, and their children were: 1. Christian, served in Company K, One Hundred and Sixteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was killed at the battle of Cold Harbor. 2. Mary Elizabeth, wife of Jasper Tannehill, farmer of Lower Turkeyfoot township; four children, Sherman Mead, William Earl, Nelletta and Robert Forrest. 3. William, of whom later. 4. James Wesley, of whom later. 5. Rosetta, died October 10, 1857. 6. Rebecca Jane, died November 24, 1857. 7. Phœbe Ann, married (first) James D. Younkin, died May 5, 1892; (second) Andrew Younkin: children by first marriage. Daniel Garfield, James G. Blaine, Daisy Catharine, Grace and two who died in infancy, unnamed; by second marriage, one child, Edna. Mr. Burkholder, the father of the family, died September 13, 1858, and was survived many years by his widow, whose death occurred May 7, 1906.

William Burkholder, son of Daniel and Catharine (Cramer) Burkholder, was born April 3, 1848, near Centerville, and received his preparatory education in the common schools of his native township, subsequently entering Scio University, Scio, Ohio. After completing his course of study he taught for two terms in the schools of Lower Turkeyfoot township and then engaged in farming, at the same time following the carpenter's trade. He has now, for two years, been in mercantile business in Draketown. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Burkholder married, in June, 1898, Josephine, daughter of Richard and Sarah (Knight) Gorsuch, of McKee's Rocks, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder: one who died in infancy, unnamed, and Marian, born August 12, 1901.

James Wesley Burkholder, son of Daniel and Catharine (Cramer) Burkholder, was born December 6, 1850, near Centerville, on the old Christopher Creamer farm, and was educated in Harbaugh's school house. He is now engaged in farming and stock-raising. He has been for sixteen years tax collector of his township, and for ten years has served as school director, to which office he has recently been re-elected for a term of three years. He has served three terms as inspector and the same length of time as auditor, two terms as judge of election and one term as supervisor. His vote and influence are given to the Republican party.

Mr. Burkholder married, April 30, 1871, Harriet, daughter of George and Catharine (Younkin) Firestone, and they were the parents of the following children: Ella Frances, born May

29, 1872; Christian C., May 14, 1873; Simon, September 18, 1875, died October 1, 1875; Minnie Catharine, April 15, 1877, died November 14, 1880; Charles Ross, January 31, 1879; James Garfield, June 18, 1881; William Russell, January 2, 1884; and Harry Robert, July 4, 1886. Mrs. Burkholder died January 27, 1897, and on February 6, 1898, Mr. Burkholder married Jennie Hartzell, daughter of Melki and Annie Johnson Hartzell, and the issue of the marriage was as follows: Ida Elfretta, born July 6, 1899; Daniel McKinley, June 30, 1900; Rebecca Jane, October 22, 1902; and Leroy Roosevelt, March 6, 1905, died March 7, 1905.

JOHN M. GAMBERT.

John M. Gambert, of Berlin, is a grandson of John Gumbert, a native of Germany, who emigrated to the United States, accompanied by his family and his brother Jacob. They landed in New York, July 31, 1836, and finally settled in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where Jacob remained, but John Gumbert, at the end of nine years, removed to Carroll county, Ohio.

Peter Gumbert, son of John Gumbert, was born in 1827 in Germany and was eighteen when the family moved to Ohio. For many years he farmed with his father on shares and then bought a farm, the purchase resulting in a change of the orthography of the family name. On receiving a deed for the land he took it to the court house for the purpose of having it recorded, but the recorder of deeds refused to enter it under the German spelling, and declared that it must be Anglicized and spelled Gambert. Peter objected, but the recorder insisted, and the deed was so recorded. The change was legalized by three judges sitting as a court, and ever after that branch of the family were Gamberts. After buying the farm Mr. Gambert engaged in stock dealing and raising. He was a large stock drover, driving his flocks each year over the mountains from Ohio to Philadelphia and New Jersey. This business he carried on for ten years, becoming very prosperous. He then abandoned this line of industry and settled down to general farming, wool growing and stock raising, following these callings during the remainder of his life. He became a very prominent man in his neighborhood, and in his later years settled many estates and filled offices of honor and trust. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Gambert married Margaret Abrams, of Carroll county, Ohio, and their children were: George A., deceased; Catharine, widow of Eli Roudebush, living in Carroll county, has four children, Laura, Edgar, Margaret and Eva, all living in Ohio; John M., see forward; Emma, wife of Isaac Eulman, living on the homestead in Carroll county. Mrs. Gambert died in

1897 at the age of seventy, and the death of Mr. Gambert occurred in 1902.

John M. Gambert, son of Peter and Margaret (Abrams) Gambert, was born January 12, 1853, in Ohio, and received his education in the public schools. He worked on the farm with his father until of age, when he became a partner in the farming and stock droving business. For eleven years he carried on the lumber and hay business for himself, and for two years dealt in hay only, buying, baling and shipping. In 1886 he came to Somerset county and bought a tract of two hundred and eighty acres in Jenner township, which he has since sold. A little later he purchased his present farm, near Pine Hill, where he has since resided. This property consists of two hundred and fifteen acres, with good and substantial improvements. There is a sugar camp of five hundred vessels and there are also valuable orchards of apples and peaches. The place is well stocked and the land is underlaid by coal. In addition to his farming operations, Mr. Gambert does a large stock business, buying, feeding and selling cattle and sheep, and also deals in horses. Over and above his farm he owns other real estate, including a farm of one hundred acres in Carroll county, Ohio, fifty-two acres near the Fritz church, forty-five acres near Wills church, one-half interest in thirty acres, and one hundred acres of timber land in Gilmore county, West Virginia.

He assisted in the formation of the First National Bank of Berlin and has ever since been one of the directors. He is also interested financially in the "Berlin Gleaner," the Meyersdale Fair and Stock Association, the Economy Telephone Company of Meyersdale and the First National Bank of Carrollton, Ohio. He is a member of the Lutheran church of Pine Hill, which he has served as trustee for many years. He belonged to the committee appointed to superintend the building of the church recently erected, and was active in raising funds for that purpose.

Mr. Gambert married, October, 1887, in Ohio, Ellen Coleman, of Pennsylvania, born in 1855, and a member of the Lutheran church. They have no children. Mrs. Gambert is a daughter of William and Matilda Coleman, the former a farmer of Brothers Valley township. Mr. Coleman died in 1885, aged sixty years, and his widow, who is now seventy years old and in good health, makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Gambert.

ANDREW J. BOOSE.

Andrew J. Boose, president of the Farmers' Mutual Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset county, was born in Summit township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1849, a son of Rudolph and Susan (Walker) Boose, and grandson of Henry Boose, who came from Switzerland with his brother. Henry Boose settled in Allegheny township, Somerset county, but the brother went farther on and all trace of him was lost. The descendants of Henry Boose, while attending a church synod in Ohio a few years ago, met people of their own name from the northwest. Mutual investigation developed that they were the descendants of the brother of Henry Boose, who had finally settled in Michigan.

Rudolph Boose, son of Henry Boose, was born in Somerset county, in 1796, was reared on the farm and received such education as the time and place afforded. He was very bright and quick at acquiring the language, and was known as the most fluent English speaker of the neighborhood. He was a successful farmer, and a man of great business ability. He became one of the most prosperous men in the community. After coming into possession of an estate in Summit township, he settled upon the farm which was a part of the old Philip Walker estate, and there ended his days. About 1850 Mr. Boose, with twenty-three of his friends and neighbors, associated themselves for mutual protection from loss by fire in an association of which Mr. Boose, the chief organizer, was elected the first president. The growth of this company has been steady and now its members are found all over Somerset county. A statement of their present size and volume of business is found in the sketch of Ephraim Walker, secretary, which appears on another page in this work. The motto of the company is increased protection and decreased cost. Mr. Boose was a prominent Lutheran and a Democrat of the type known as "Jacksonian."

Rudolph Boose married, in 1824, Susan, daughter of Philip Walker, of Brothers Valley. They were the parents of ten children, namely: John, Frank, Henry, Eliza, Rudolph, Jacob, Susan, Samuel, William and Andrew J. Rudolph Boose died July 31, 1870; his wife, Susan (Walker) Boose, died October 15, 1869.

Andrew J. Boose was born and reared on the farm that was the gift of Philip Walker to his daughter Susan. This farm was entered and patented from the United States by George Shienfelt, and since 1824 has always been held in the Walker or Boose name. Andrew J. succeeded to the farm at his father's death, and since then successfully conducted the estate of three hundred acres until the present year (1906), when he passed his last night in the old home, sleeping in the room in which he was born fifty-seven years previous. He then turned the management of the farm over to his son, and is now a resident of Meyersdale. In 1898 Andrew J. Boose was elected to the presidency of the Fire Insurance Company founded by his father, and to the welfare of this company he devotes much of his time

Andrew J. Boose married, November 18, 1869, Ellen, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Shafer) Suder, of Berlin, Pennsylvania. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boose, as follows: Maggie B., wife of Harvey P. Berkley, children: Howard and Edgar Berkley. Cora B., wife of William Gnagey, residing near Berlin, and the mother of Lucille, Walter and Robert Gnagey. Edith, wife of Walter McCleary, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at Hyndman, Bedford county. Emma S., wife of William Englehart, of Cumberland, Maryland; they have one child, Margaret Englehart. Walter M., married Clara Bensinger, and resides on the old homestead. Minnie and Mary, the keepers of their father's home in Meyersdale. Harry, killed accidentally at the age of eleven. Grace and Rudolph, died in infancy. Mrs. Ellen (Suder) Boose, who was a faithful wife and loving mother, departed this life October 9, 1902.

FREDERICK BORDER.

Frederick Border, of Holsopple, is a grandson of John Border, a native of Germany and an early settler of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. He followed the trade of a wagonmaker in connection with farming, his farm being situated about four miles from Schellburg. He was three times married and was the father of twenty-two children.

Daniel Border, son of John Border and his first wife, who was a Miss Black, was born about 1800, in Bedford county, and learned the carpenter's trade at Schellburg. In 1834 he moved to Conemaugh township, Somerset county, and there followed his trade during the remainder of his life. He served three years as tax collector of the township, and was captain in the state militia until it was disbanded. He was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Border married Charlotte, daughter of M. Goeb, the first newspaper editor of Somerset county, and their children were: John, born 1830; Frederick, see forward; Catharine, born 1834; Magdalena, born 1836; Charlotte, born 1838; Mary, born 1839; Daniel, born 1840; Joseph, born 1841; Rebecca, born 1842; Ella, born 1844. After the death of his wife Mr. Border married Mrs. Catherine Yeoman, widow of Joseph Yeoman, who bore him one son, Edward. The death of Mr. Border occurred in 1875, in Conemaugh township.

Frederick Border, son of Daniel and Charlotte (Geob) Border, was born September 23, 1832, in Bedford county, and was about two years old when the family took up their abode in Conemaugh township. He was educated in the old log school house at Davidsville, and learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until twenty-five years of age. In 1859 he engaged in mercantile business in Johnstown, but after several years in business there sold out and went to Baltimore, Maryland, in the wholesale fruit business. In the spring of 1888 he disposed of the business to his son Grant, who is still (1906) conducting it, and moved to Benson borough, where he has since given his attention to farming. He is a director in the Benson National Bank. At one time he held the office of tax collector. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Border married, in 1855, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Hoffman, and their children were: Arabella, died in childhood; Agnes (Mrs. Talman), a widow, one son, Carroll Talman. Lucy (Mrs. Gideon Bantz), of Baltimore, Maryland, children: Harold, Dorothy and Davis. Grant, a merchant of Baltimore, Maryland, married Kate Spicer, who bore him five children: one daughter and four sons—Gervis, Guy, Harley and Grant. Harley, engaged in the brokerage business in Baltimore, Maryland; unmarried. Anna, married Daniel Parsons, a lawyer of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, one child, Reginald Parsons. Another child, who died in infancy. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Border married Mary E., widow of John Keyler, of Jenner township.

JACOB F. KAUTZ.

Jacob F. Kautz, of Holsopple, is a grandson of Daniel Kautz, who was a cooper by trade, and in 1818 came to Somerset county from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Later he moved to the state of Indiana, where he passed the remainder of his life. Mr. Kautz married Sarah, daughter of Sheriff Miller, who superintended the first execution that took place in Somerset county. Their children were: Perry, Chauncey, Chambers, Charles, Abraham B., see forward; Margaret, Mary, and Ellen. Mr. Kautz died in 1866, at the age of seventy-nine.

Abraham B. Kautz, son of Daniel and Sarah (Miller) Kautz, was born in 1831, in Somerset county, and followed the trade of a wagonmaker. In 1854 he opened a shop in Davidsville, remaining one year, and then moving to Bedford, where he worked at his trade for about three years. Thence he moved to Hollidaysburg, Blair county, and there passed another three years. In 1861 he settled in Jennerstown, where he made his home until 1887. In that year he moved to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, and there passed the residue of his days, dying in 1905. During the civil war he served with the rank of sergeant in the Two Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. While a resident of Mount Pleasant he served as councilman from the first ward. He was a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Kautz married, about 1852, Margaret, daughter of Jacob Friedline, and they were the parents of two sons: Jacob F., see forward, and Edward B., born in 1864, married Nora Baughman and has one son, Charles. Mrs. Kautz died while the family were residing in Jennerstown, and Mr. Kautz subsequently married Mrs. Mary Luther. His death occurred August, 1905.

Jacob F. Kautz, son of Abraham B. and Margaret (Friedline) Kautz, was born January 18, 1854, and learned the trade of carriage-making, at which he worked in Jennerstown in partnership with his father, the firm being known as A. B. Kautz & Son. Later it became that of Kautz Brothers, remaining so until 1891, when Mr. Kautz opened a shop in Johnstown, which he conducted for six years. At the end of that time he moved to Somerset county and established himself on the old farm. For the last five years he has been proprietor of the Kautz Hotel in Benson borough. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Kautz married, in 1876, Emma M., daughter of Noah Shaffer, of Quemahoning township, and their family consists of four children: Earl W., born April 7, 1881, employed with his father; he married Mattie, daughter of Herman Swank; one son, Robert. Carl K., born December 29, 1884. Frank S., born February 27, 1890. May E., born May 17, 1892.

ROLLIN HOLSOPPLE.

The family of which Rollin Holsopple, of Holsopple, is a representative, has been for nearly two centuries resident in this country, and its history, since the emigration, may be traced through the following generations:

(I) John Adam Holsopple, a native of Holland, emigrated thence about 1720, and settled first at Plainfield, then called Smoketown, where he led the customary life of a pioneer.

(II) Henry Holsopple, son of John Adam Holsopple, was born in 1778, and enlisted in the army during the war of 1812. He was taken prisoner by the Indians and burned at the stake at Delevery, Ohio. His hat, which was adorned with an emblem, was lost, but was afterward recovered, and the emblem has ever since been preserved in the family. It is now in the possession of Rollin Holsopple, to whom it was given by Mr. S. Custer. Henry Holsopple married, at Little York, Susannah Lafever, and subsequently moved to Green Brier county, West Virginia. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Isaac, Charles, Catharine, Elizabeth, Adam, Polly, Sarah, and Samuel. After the tragic death of Henry Holsopple his widow returned to her father, a merchant of York, who gave her five hundred acres of land which the owner, who was going east, had offered him in payment for an overcoat. The land was situated in Paint township and on it the town of Holsopple has since been built. On this property the widow took up her abode and there reared her family. She died in Holsopple in 1858.

(III) Adam Holsopple, son of Henry and Susannah (Lafever) Holsopple, was born in 1808, and was a life-long farmer, passing all his days in Paint township. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in matters of religion adhered to the faith of the German Reformed church. He married Salome, daughter of John Lope, and their children were: Helena, born in 1836, wife of Henry Ream; Lucinda, born in 1838, married (first) John MacAteer and (second) Michael St. Clair; Edmund, see forward; Isaiah, born in 1842, married Tiny Blough; Flora, born in 1844, wife of Levi Grinssly; Catharine, born in 1845, married Hiram Geiseo; Philemon, born in 1846, married Amanda Buterbaugh; Adam, born in 1847; Eve, born in 1849, wife of Jeremiah Spigler; Adaline, born in 1848, married (first) J. F. Custer, and (second) Jacob Knable; Simon, born in 1849, married Jemima Lohr; Salome, born in 1850, wife of Jackson St. Clair; and Charles, born in 1852, married Kate Shaffer.

(IV) Edmund Holsopple, son of Adam and Salome (Lope) Holsopple, was born January 10, 1840, in Paint township, and in 1861 enlisted in Company I, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Newmarket, June 15, 1864, and was recaptured by the United States Army, October 19, 1864. A member of Johnstown Post, Grand Army of the Republic. In 1871 he purchased a farm in Paint township, on which he made his home for about twenty-one years, and then moved on the farm known as the Henry Custer farm, where he now resides. He has held the office of school director, is a Republican in politics and contributes to the support of churches of all denominations. Mr. Holsopple married, in 1865, Eliza Berkebile, and they have been the parents of the following children: Emma Jane, born September 14, 1866, wife of Henry Nagle; Rollin, see forward; Clarissa, born January 21, 1869, wife of Levi Lehman; Leon, born April 17, 1870, married Priscilla Custer; Sydney, born August 7, 1871, married Susie Custer and was killed by the explosion of a steam boiler, April 14, 1898; Russell, born February 21, 1873, married Sevilla Faust; Leslie, born March 25, 1874, married Elsie Johns; Guy, born September 28, 1876, married Louise Bentley and died August 8, 1903; Bruce, born July 27, 1882; and Clyde, born November 18, 1883.

(V) Rollin Holsopple, son of Edmund and Eliza (Berkebile) Holsopple, was born November 5, 1867, and received his education in the common schools. At the age of twenty-one he went to Johnstown, where he engaged in business as a butcher, but after a time sold out and migrated to California. After spending two years in travel he returned to Johnstown, where he became a wholesale and retail meat dealer. At the end of two years he disposed of the business and moved to Holsopple, where for three years he was engaged in the same industry. He then purchased the Hotel Holsopple, of which he has since been the successful proprietor. Since taking the hotel Mr. Holsopple has put in bathrooms and modern plumbing and installed a private electric light plant for lighting the entire building. He has refurnished and improved the property and made it a favorite stopping place for travelers. He affiliates with Alma Lodge, No. 523, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Johnstown, and is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Holsopple married, January 14, 1895, Anna K. Schwing, and their children are: Catharine M., born December 2, 1896; Nellie E., July 3, 1899; Lillian A., June 29, 1901; and Helen G., September 19, 1904.

JOHN MILLER WRIGHT.

John Miller Wright, a prosperous farmer and business man of Salisbury, is a son of John Wright, one of the old veterans of the freighting and stage coach days on the National road from Baltimore west, familiarly known as the "Old Pike," and grandson of James Wright, a farmer of Somerset county, who died at an extremely old age. James Wright reared a large family, who mostly became farmers and farmers' wives and lived, in nearly every instance, to a very old age. His children were: John, see forward; Nancy, James, Rachel, Veach, Susan, Betsey, Jerry, Samuel and Martha.

John Wright was born September, 1808, on the home farm near Confluence, Somerset county. He received such education as the times and place afforded, and until reaching his majority was an assistant of his father in farm labor. He taught for a time in the schools during the winter months. The National road or "pike" at that time offered the best opening for employment for men and teams, and young Wright was soon engaged as a freighter, driving the great teams with their heavy loads of freight from Baltimore west to Cumberland and Wheeling. This occupation he followed for several years, after which he abandoned the road and became clerk of the old Howard House in Baltimore. Here, in 1836, he met and married Rebecca Stout, a young lady from Philadelphia. The young couple removed to Maryland, where John began again the life of a farmer, and for forty-five years thereafter in Maryland and Pennsylvania this was his principal business. For the last thirty-two years he cultivated a farm near Salisbury, and for twenty-three years of this period his residence was in Salisbury. The town of Boynton is part of the old farm. While living in town Mr. Wright worked the farm and also conducted a general teaming business. He was one of the supervisors of the township. For the last thirty years of his life he was a member of the German Baptist church. In politics he was a Democrat.

The children of John and Rebecca (Stout) Wright are: Mary (Mrs. Alfred Yeast), Sarah (Mrs. Alexander Reckner), Cynthia (Mrs. John Koontz), Charles, a farmer and lumberman of Greenville township; Elizabeth (Mrs. Silas Wagner), Germanus, a farmer of Greenville township; Rebecca (Mrs. Joseph Wagner), John Miller, see forward; Abigail, died in infancy; Ruhamah (Mrs. Headley Hoe), who with her husband and family were sufferers in the great fire of 1906 that destroyed San Francisco, their home; Martha (Mrs. Augustus Winters). John Wright died in 1901, after a long and busy life, having attained the great age of ninety-three. He was an exceedingly vigorous and active man until three years previous to his death, when he was disabled by a fall. His wife, Rebecca (Stout) Wright, died aged eighty-five.

John Miller Wright was born on a farm lying along the National pike near Grantsville, Maryland, May 23, 1855. He attended the public schools until fifteen years old, and worked on his father's farm until attaining his majority. Until 1876 he worked at farming in Frostburg, Maryland, and then went west and located in Marshall county, Iowa, where he remained three years. Returning to Pennsylvania, he worked at mining for two years, and in 1883 married and moved on a farm in Greenville. In 1885 he purchased a large farm near Salisbury, on a portion of which purchase he still resides. Mr. Wright is also interested in other lines of business besides his land dealings, which have been many and varied. He holds a one-third interest in the First National Bank of Boswell, Pennsylvania, of which he is a director. His latest undertaking is in connection with the Pennsylvania & Maryland Street Railway Company, of which he is director and assistant general manager. He is in charge of the construction now going on between Salisbury and Meyersdale. The plans include the extension of the road in both ways, ultimately connecting Frostburg, Maryland, with Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wright casts his vote for the candidates of the Democratic party, but has never accepted public office. He is a member of the Reformed church of Salisbury. Mr. Wright's life has been an active and an arduous one. The success he has attained is all his own, as he has fought the battle of life almost alone, unaided by inherited weath save that of an indomitable spirit, a stout heart and a sound body bequeathed to him by his farmer ancestors.

Mr. Wright married, March 22, 1883, Christena, born 1856, daughter of Henry Rembold, a farmer of Greenville township, and four children have been born to them, namely: Cynthia, born July 26, 1887, a student at the California State Normal School; Edith, who died at the age of ten years; Grace, born September 23, 1893; Harvey, born September 24, 1900.

WILLIAM F. HOOVER.

The name of the family of which William F. Hoover, of Hooversville, is a representative, was originally spelled Huber. The race was planted in this country by George Hoover (or Huber), who was born in 1752, near Basel, Switzerland, and came to the American colonies with his parents and his only brother, Ulrich. They arrived a number of years before the outbreak of the Revolutionary war, and settled in York, Pennsylvania. At the time of the war George Hoover was in prosperous circumstances and loaned the struggling colonies twenty-two hundred pounds. After the declaration of peace the debt was paid, but was later repudiated, having been liquidated in Continental money.

George Hoover was married three times, his first wife being a Miss Shearer, by whom he was the father of eight children, six of whom, with their mother, died within six weeks. His second wife was Catharine Miller, of York, Pennsylvania, who bore him the following children: Margaret, wife of Philip Fehl; Mary, wife of Henry Jones; Eve, wife of Frederick Eyeholds; Katie, wife of George Eyeholds; Jacob, married Barbara Moritz; George, married Susan Tate; Samuel, married Margaret Raffensberger, and after her death the widow of John Moles; Jonas, see forward; and two who died in infancy.

Jonas Hoover, son of George and Catharine (Miller) Hoover, was born August 14, 1794, and served two years in the war of 1812, accompanying Colonel Scott in his march through Bedford county. At Bedford he was taken ill, but recovered and rejoined his regiment at Erie. He took part in both engagements at Fort Erie and in the battle of Niagara, where Colonel Scott was fatally wounded and was supported in his saddle by Mr. Hoover as his horse was led from the field. Mr. Hoover was honorably discharged in 1814. In 1836 he sold his farm at Chambersburg, and went to Somerset county, settling, in 1847, in Hooversville, which was named in his honor. He gave his attention to farming, at the same time owning and operating a gristmill which had been built by John A. Clark. In 1847 Mr. Hoover erected near his mill another, which is still in operation. From 1852 to 1862 he served as justice of the peace in Quemahoning township, from which Hooversville was taken. He adhered to the Democratic party and was a member of the German Reformed church.

After his discharge from the army Mr. Hoover married a Miss Dearderf, the issue of the marriage being three children:

Catharine, Martha, and John, see forward. His second wife was Mary Lohrsbaugh, and their children were: David, George and Mary. The third wife of Mr. Hoover was Elizabeth Krichbaum, and they were the parents of one child, Amelia. Jonas Hoover died January 10, 1874.

John Hoover, son of Jonas Hoover, was born January 24, 1824, in Somerset county, and was a miller by trade, owning and operating a mill at Holsopple. April 1, 1885, he sold the mill and settled on the farm known as the "Martha Riffle farm" at Hooversville. He was a Democrat and always contributed liberally toward the support of churches of all denominations. Mr. Hoover married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Blough, and their children were: Zephannah, born June 13, 1850, died October 9, 1852; Mary C., born May 19, 1853, died February 19, 1858; Alonzo, born August 5, 1855, died September 21, 1855; Milton, born September 20, 1856; Nelson, born October 17, 1858; Sarah J., born December 19, 1860; and William F., see forward. Mr. Hoover died August 24, 1885, and his widow passed away April 29, 1894.

William F. Hoover, son of John and Elizabeth (Blough) Hoover, was born November 28, 1862, and resides on the farm owned by his father. His two brothers, Milton and Nelson, and his sister, Sarah J., make their home with him. Milton has served in the council of Hooversville and also as inspector of election boards. Nelson has been, for one term, auditor of Hooversville borough. All the brothers are Democrats. William P. and Nelson are members of the Christian church.

CHARLES L. SPENCER.

Charles L. Spencer, of Scalp Level, is a son of Jeremiah Spencer, who in 1861 enlisted in the Union army and served throughout the war. He then joined the regular army, went west, it is supposed with General Custer, and was never heard from after the defeat of that commander on the Little Big Horn. Jeremiah Spencer married Amelia Cover, who bore him a son, Charles L. Spencer.

Charles L. Spencer, born October 3, 1866, in Mansfield, Ohio, was taken by his mother to Brothers Valley township, having received his preparatory education in the schools of Mansfield, Ohio. Subsequently he attended the State Normal school at Millersville, Pennsylvania, passing thence to Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. During fifteen years he was engaged in teaching in different schools and was principal of schools in the following places: Windber, Hooversville, Paint borough, Westmont, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He is now principal of the Paint borough schools, and also chairman of the state board of examiners for teachers' permanent certificates for Somerset county. He is a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church. Mr. Spencer married, April 15, 1894, Ellen Hoffman, and they are the parents of one child, Earl P., born September 11, 1895.

Mrs. Spencer belongs to a family, the history of which is traced through the following generations: Philip Hoffman came as a young man from Germany and settled in Paint township. He was a farmer and a member of the German Baptist church. His wife was Barbara Miller. They were the parents of eleven children: Jacob, John, see forward; and nine daughters, one of whom, Susan, became the wife of Christian Thomas, who was at one time the oldest man in Paint township. The death of Philip Hoffman occurred about 1835 in Paint township, where he had lived for more than half a century.

John Hoffman, son of Philip and Barbara (Miller) Hoffman, was born in 1802, and moved to Cambria county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming in Richland township. Mr. Hoffman married, about 1820, Susanna Wertz, and four children were born to them: Samuel, Jacob, see forward; Aaron, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Hoffman died in early manhood.

Jacob Hoffman, son of John and Susanna (Wertz) Hoffman, was born September 15, 1828, and in 1850 settled in Paint township on a farm known as the John Wertz farm, remaining there nine years. At the end of that time he sold the property and purchased the Daniel Johns farm, on which he made his home for twenty-five years. He then moved on the John Johns farm at Scalp Level and resided there until his death, September 6, 1887. His family still lives there. He served as assessor, school director, tax collector, and supervisor of Paint township. He was a member of the German Baptist church. Mr. Hoffman married, April 16, 1850, Bena Statler, and their children were: Ephraim, born November 10, 1850, died May 26, 1856; Peter, born May 29, 1853, married Sarah Custer, has nine children; Lavina, born September 16, 1855, wife of Jacob A. Weaver, has nine children; Aaron, born November 29, 1858, married Polly C. Blough, has three children; Noah, born March 5, 1861, married Lizzie Holsopple, had four children; Ellen, born December 8, 1866, wife of Charles L. Spencer, has one son, Earl Protus Spencer, aged (1906) eleven years.

ALVIN SHAFFER.

Alvin Shaffer, of Quemahoming township, is descended on the paternal side from German ancestors. Jacob Shaffer (grandfather) all his life followed the calling of a farmer. He married Hannah ———, and their children were: George, Abraham, Jacob A., see forward; and Isaac.

Jacob A. Shaffer, son of Jacob and Hannah Shaffer, was born in 1827 in Somerset county, and was a farmer and teamster. Politically he was a Republican. He was a member of the United Brethren church. Mr. Shaffer married Agnes Rogers, also a native of Somerset county, and their children were: David F., Hannah B., wife of Jacob Leasure; George R., deceased; William H., and Mary J., wife of Philip Ling, of Iowa. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Shaffer married Amanda Coulter, who bore him the following children: Alvin, see forward; Adellia, wife of James Zimmerman; Florence, wife of Fred Shaffer; Jacob, and Charles, deceased. Jacob Shaffer and wife live in Johnstown, retired.

Alvin Shaffer, son of Jacob A. and Amanda (Coulter) Shaffer, was born April 17, 1868, in Quemahoning township, where he attended the common schools until reaching the age of nineteen. Since leaving school he has devoted himself continuously to agricultural pursuits. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the United Brethren church. Mr. Shaffer married, October 27, 1895, Rebecca E. Leasure, born September 27, 1870, in Westmoreland county, and they were the parents of the following children: Marion R., born June 21, 1896; Earl L., September 21, 1897; and Kenneth C., June 13, 1899. These children, at a very early age, were bereaved of their mother, who passed away September 30, 1901.

LEWIS HOSTETLER.

Lewis Hostetler, of Windber, is a grandson of Peter Hostetler, who is supposed to have been of German extraction, and settled in Bucks county, purchasing his land of William Penn, Jr. Later he went to Cambria county. He was a farmer and an Amish preacher, being a very active worker in his church and transmitting to his descendants the sterling traits of character by which he was distinguished.

Henry Hostetler, son of Peter Hostetler, was born in 1840, and settled on the old homestead on Johnstown pike, which he purchased of his father in 1865. He was a stockholder in Johnstown pike and also a director in the company. During the Civil war he was one of those included in the last drafting, but was able to furnish a substitute. He was a Republican. He was brought up in the Amish church, but later joined the German Baptist. Mr. Hostetler married, in 1865, Mary daughter of A. Weaver, and their children were: Abram, born in October, 1867, married Mary Statler; Lizzie, born in 1868, wife of Uriah Weaver; Stephen, born in 1870, married Emma Weaver; Hiram, born in 1876, married Cevilla Baumgardner; Lewis, see forward; Emma, born in 1884; and Arthur, born in 1890.

Lewis Hostetler, son of Henry and Mary (Weaver) Hostetler, was born May 21, 1880, in Richland township, Cambria county, and received his preparatory education in the common schools, from which he graduated in 1895, afterward passing through Merett Business College and Juniata College. After teaching for two years in the common schools, he gave his attention for another two years to farming, and at the expiration of that time established a store for the sale, at wholesale and retail, of flour, feed, fertilizers and farming implements. This was after his removal to Windber, where he has since remained. He is a director of the Citizens' Bank, and also secretary and treasurer of the Selix Telephone Company. At one time he served on the school board in Scalp Level. He is a Republican. He is a member of the Brethren church, in which he serves as treasurer and also superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Hostetler married, in 1903, Alice, daughter of Hiram Lehman, an elder in the German Baptist church, and they have one child, Helen Maurine, born April 12, 1904.

NATHANIEL BLAUCH.

Nathaniel Blauch, of Hooversville, was born March 26, 1857, in Cambria county, and is a representative of a family which was founded in this country by three brothers who came from Switzerland in 1733 and landed in New York. One of these brothers went east and two settled in Somerset county, where their descendants still reside.

Yost Blauch, grandfather of Nathaniel Blauch, was born in Conemaugh township, where he passed his entire life in devotion to agricultural pursuits. His wife was Anna Keim, and they had ten children.

Emmanuel Blauch, son of Yost and Anna (Keim) Blauch, was born in 1827, in Conemaugh township, and, like his father, led the life of a farmer. He married Mary Ream, born in 1831, in Conemaugh township, and their children were: Levi, Henry, Nathaniel, of whom later; Mollie, Katie, Christian E., Simon T., Emmanuel, deceased; and Hiram. Emmanuel Blauch lives in Cambria county, retired. He is a member of the Mennonite church.

Nathaniel Blauch, son of Emmanuel and Mary (Ream) Blauch, received his education in the common schools of Somerset county, and after his school days were over engaged in the truck business until 1893. On December 12 of that year he bought a farm of over two hundred acres, situated in Quemahoning township, and since becoming its possessor has given his while time and attention to its cultivation. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Blauch is a strong Prohibitionist, and in 1905 was the candidate for county commissioner of that party. Mr. Blauch married, June

6, 1880, Laura, born October 22, 1862, in Cambria county, daughter of Jacob and Elmira (Barnhart) Meyers, and their children were: Minta, born May 13, 1881, deceased; Daisy B., July 20, 1883, married Lemon D. Spangy, of Alliance, Ohio; M. Carl, March 2, 1886; Mabel T., December 25, 1888; Lulah O., September 11, 1891; Olive M., April 4, 1894; Nellie M., September 18, 1896; Willard B., January 8, 1899; and Mason, April 27, 1905.

LEMUEL E. DAVIES, M. D.

Lemuel E. Davies, a practicing physician of Windber, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1868, a son of Rev. Joseph E. and Mary (Evans) Davies.

Rev. Joseph E. Davies (father) was a native of Llanarthney, Carmarthenshire, Wales, born December 12, 1810. He was a minister in the Calvinistic Methodist church. At the age of twenty-seven years he married Mary Evans, and their children were: Jane L., deceased, born April 10, 1851; Eli J., born June 14, 1852, married, and has five children; Anne M., born July 14, 1854; Eliza J., born September 10, 1857, married E. R. Aston, a merchant, and they reside in Kingston, Pennsylvania; Margaret E., born July 30, 1859, died in childhood; Thomas C., born August 7, 1861, married Emily Williams, and they reside in Scranton, Pennsylvania; Salome H., born February 11, 1863, married W. C. Williams, Jr., of Jersey City, New Jersey; Roxanna H., born May 11, 1866; Lemuel E., see forward. Rev. Joseph E. Davies died in Scranton, January 1, 1881.

Lemuel E. Davies acquired his English education in the public schools of Scranton and at Pennington Seminary, Pennington, New Jersey, where he spent two years also as a member of the faculty. Deciding to follow the career of a medical practitioner, he took a course in the Hahnemann Homeopathic Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entering in the fall of 1893, and graduating in May, 1896. He located in Montclair, New Jersey, in September of that year. He passed the rigid state board examination of Pennsylvania, and registered in New Jersey prior to his locating in Montclair. From the spring of 1898 until the fall of 1899 he was engaged as a traveling salesman for a New York wholesale homoeopathic pharmacy. At the latter date he removed to Windber, where he has since been located, and where he has an excellent practice. He is a conscientious, careful physician and has the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen. Dr. Davies holds membership in the following orders: Royal Arcanum, A. O. U. W., Improved Order of Heptasophs, in all of which he is a medical examiner. He is also medical examiner for the following life insurance companies: Metropolitan, Prudential, Aetna, Phenix and Mutual. In politics he is an Independent Republican, and in religious faith an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church. At the present time he is treasurer of the borough of Windber, to which position he has annually been elected for the past three years.

Dr. Davies married, October 27, 1902, Julia M. Blake, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, a daughter of John and Mary (Martin) Blake, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Two children have been born to them, viz: Dorothy B., August 12, 1903; and Lemuel Van Lennep, May 8, 1905.

CHARLES J. BARRON.

Charles J. Barron, of Quemahoning township, is the son of Hiram Barron, who was born in 1831, in Middle Creek township, where he passed his life in devotion to agricultural pursuits. He was an adherent of the Republican party, and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Barron married Melvina, born in 1834, in Middle Creek township, daughter of Jesse Moore, and their children were: Sarah, wife of Charles Flick; Lucinda, wife of Emmanuel Meyers; William, Mary A.; David A., Charles J., see forward; Anna B., wife of Ross Shaffer; Edward L., Albert H., and Homer D.

Charles J. Barron, son of Hiram and Melvina (Moore) Barron, was born November 30, 1867, in Middle Creek township, where he received his education in the common schools, which he attended until reaching his twentieth year. He was then employed for six years by the Swank Hardware Company, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, after which he spent six years in farming, and for the past eight years has owned and worked his own farm of ninety-four acres. Like his father, he gives his political allegiance to the Republican party. A member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Barron married, October 30, 1895, Sarah Ott, and they are the parents of two children: Annie Alverda, born December 15, 1897, in Johnstown; and Carrie Melvina, born August 17, 1903, in Quemahoning. Mrs. Barron is a daughter of Daniel Ott, who was born in Paint township, and is a farmer and a Republican. He married Elizabeth Weibel, born in 1858, and their children were: Sarah, born December 17, 1878, in Paint township, wife of Charles J. Barron; Ellie, wife of William P. Gearheart; Herman, Robert, Chester P., Harry, Elmer, Mary O., and Anna E., deceased. The mother of these children died in 1895.

THE MEYERS FAMILY.

Dr. William H. Meyers, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, and District Attorney Rufus E. Meyers, of Somerset, are members of the Meyers family of which this notice treats:

(I) The pioneer ancestor of this family in America was the great-great-grandfather of William H. Meyers, who was a native of Switzerland, and came to this country at a very early date, locating in Lancaster, now Lebanon county, Myerstown being the home town. The original form of the name was "Meyer."

(II) Jacob Meyers, son of Jacob Meyer, was a native of Lebanon county, who about the year 1785 visited the section now known as Somerset county, and there purchased a large tract of uncultivated land, which included the present village of Meyersdale. He never settled there, but his sons, Christian, Jacob, Henry and John, cleared farms in that locality.

(III) Jacob Meyers, son of Jacob, was born in Lebanon county, in 1783, and in 1804 took possession of that part of his father's purchase lying nearest the village, and established the first industrial enterprise there, which consisted of saw, grist and fulling mills and a distillery. Jacob Meyers was one of the prominent residents of the county, and served as an officer in the state militia. He married Barbara Yorty, who was born in Lebanon county in 1787, and who bore him three children: Peter, William and Eliza, who was the wife of Daniel Beachley, of Meyersdale. In 1827, Mr. Meyers' grist mill was destroyed by fire, and while assisting in rebuilding it, and during a fierce cyclone, he lost his life.

(IV) Peter, eldest son and child of Jacob Meyers, was born at Meyers Mills in 1807. When a young man he engaged in business with his father, and at the time of the latter's decease, he was rebuilding the grist mill. He succeeded to his father's business, which he conducted with excellent success, and also engaged in mercantile pursuits, having two stores for some years. He was a public-spirited, patriotic citizen, taking the greatest pride in the advancement and growth of the prosperous little town. He was a member of the first board of directors of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railway, in the building of which he was actively interested, and he was also instrumental in locating the towns of Hyndman and Confluence. The village of Meyersdale was named in honor of him. About the year 1844 he laid out into town lots sixty acres of the homestead property, embracing the section bounded by Meyers and Second avenues, Large, Keystone and Centre streets.

Peter Meyers was united in marriage to Lydia Miller, the daughter of Daniel Miller, who was born in Brothers Valley, now Summit township. Of this union the following children were born: Cyrus, born 1834, died 1873; Nelson, 1837, died 1887; Joseph, resided in Philadelphia, now deceased; William H., see forward; Dennis, 1842, died 1890; Barbara E. and Ida E., both residing at the old homestead.

(V) Dr. William H. Meyers, son of Peter and Lydia (Miller) Meyers, was born December 1, 1839, and acquired his early educational training in the public schools, and later attended the State Normal School in Millersville. He decided upon a medical career, and so formulated all his plans with that end in view. At the age of eighteen years he commenced to read medicine with Dr. U. M. Beachley, with whom he was associated for five years. He then engaged in the practice of his profession alone, and achieved excellent results. He built up for himself an extensive and lucrative practice in Meyersdale, and is considered one of the leading physicians of the county. For twenty-five years he held the position of surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railway. Politically Dr. Meyers is a Republican, and takes a lively interest in all pertaining to the welfare of the community. He is widely known both socially and professionally, and has a large circle of friends. He is a charter member of the Meyersdale lodge, F. and A. M. He is a member of the Episcopal church.

January 14, 1862, Dr. Meyers was united in marriage to Maggie A. Large, daughter of Charles P. and Jane (Case) Large, of Buckingham, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. Charles P. Large was a member of a highly reputable Quaker family, and he and his wife were the parents of two children: Maggie A. and John Simpson Large. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Meyers have the following children: Charles P., resides in Meyersdale and is an engineer in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway; he married Anna Berkley, and they have four children: Florence J., Esther J., Kate J., and Berkley. 2. Robert, a resident of Fairport Harbor, Lake county, Ohio, married Anna Rook, and they have one daughter, Margaret. 3. William H., resides at home. 4. Lydia F., married S. G. Walker, resides in Thurmond, West Virginia. 5. Gertrude W. 6. John. The two last named live at home.

(V) Dennis Meyers, son of Peter and Lydia (Miller) Meyers (4), was born September 26, 1842, at Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public schools, the Monongalia Academy, at Morgantown, West Virginia, and the State Normal school, at Millersville, Pennsylvania. In 1869 he was elected prothonotary of Somerset county, and served three years. Subsequently he studied law in the office of Hon. John R. Edie, and was admitted to the bar November 14, 1881. He married Mary Edie, by whom four children were born, including Rufus E. Meyers. Dennis Meyers died January 26, 1890.

(VI) Rufus E. Meyers, an attorney-at-law of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was born December 17, 1868, the son of Dennis and Mary (Edie) Meyers (5). Rufus E. Meyers acquired his intellectual training in the schools of Somerset county, and was for one year engaged as a school teacher. He decided upon a legal career, and commenced the study of law in the offices of Coffroth & Ruppel, being admitted to the bar in January, 1895. He is well qualified in every respect for this line of work, and has achieved the most gratifying success in his chosen profession. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, and served as deputy prothonotary under D. J. Horner and W. H. Sanner for six years, prior to his admittance to the bar. He is now serving in his third consecutive term as district attorney, having been elected first in 1898, second in 1901, and third in 1904. In the various offices of trust and responsibility to which he has been elected, he has discharged his duties most creditably, thereby gaining the confidence and respect of the community.

SELMAN E. ROACH.

Selman E. Roach, of Windber, is a grandson of Selman Roach, of Irish descent, who lived in Farmington, Maine, and was by trade a shipbuilder. He was a man of strict integrity of character.

Robert H. Roach, son of Selman Roach, was born in Farmington, Maine, and came to Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and worked at peeling bark for the tannery of Jay Gould. He was also engaged for about seven years in the lumber business in that county. In 1864 he was drafted, and after his discharge went to Centre county, Pennsylvania, where for six years he worked as a lumberman. He then went to Snow Shoe, and for five years combined farming with lumbering. Thence he moved to Alport and for two years continued his labors as a lumberman. After spending seven years in Morrisdale he removed to Brisbin and there worked as a carpenter for the Berwan White Coal Company. He holds the office of tax collector for Brisbin, votes with the Democrats and is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Roach married Sarah Singer, of Luzerne county, and their children are: Bella, born in 1854, wife of Walter Starbird, of Bengal, Maine, has three children; Selman E., see forward; Abba, born in 1858, wife of Rovier Fuller, has had twelve children; Amanda, born in 1860, wife of William Diffibaugh, has had twelve children; Armida, born in 1861, wife of Fern Ross, had ten children; Robert M., born in 1863, married Ella Sprankley; Frank W., born in 1864, married Azuley Means, had four children; Charles, born in 1866, married Ollie Gowrley, has six children; Jennie, born in 1868, wife of John Roland, has four children.

Selman E. Roach, son of Robert H. and Sarah (Singer) Roach, was born May 30, 1856, and received the education afforded by the common schools of the different places in which the family resided. For five years he was the proprietor of a hotel in Morrisdale, Clearfield county, and thence went to Philipsburg, Centre county, where he engaged in the dry goods business. At the end of two years he sold out and moved to Atlantic City, where he was employed in a shooting gallery. His next removal was to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where for five years he engaged in the same business, after which he again sold out and went to Windber in 1897. He there opened a store, which he still conducts, dealing in bicycles and sporting goods and also making and repairing violins. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Roach married, January 20, 1876, Margaret, born in 1858, in Scotland, daughter of George and Mary Trumble, and their children are: Gertrude, born November 5, 1876, wife of W. H. Morgan, has two children, Selman, born March 8, 1902, and De Witt, born August 25, 1904; George H., born December 11, 1879, died May 24, 1885; Wilber, born November 28, 1882, married, August 18, 1904, Carrie M. Edder, has one child, Margaret E., born June 15, 1905; Georgeana, born September 12, 1888; Burnall E., born July 9, 1897; Mary T., born January 15, 1901.

WILSON CHRISTIAN PAUL.

Wilson Christian Paul, outside financial manager of the Economy Telegraph Company, of Pocahontas, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Greenville township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1878, the son of Christian and Magdaline (Warner) Paul.

Christian Paul (father) was born at Bielafeld, Germany, October 24, 1835, and emigrated to the United States in 1858. He followed the occupation of an iron worker at Wellersburg, Pennsylvania, for about a year, and in 1859 went to Greenville township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He served in the Civil war in Company G, Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania Regiment of Volunteers, having enlisted at Harrisburg in 1861. He married Magdaline, daughter of George Warner, and they had children as follows: John, Amelia Miller, Anna Bittner, Henry, Freeman, Jacob, Herman, Adam, Godfrey, Wilson C., see forward; Louisa and Calvin.

Wilson C. Paul, tenth child and eighth son of Christian and Magdaline (Warner) Paul, attended the public schools of Greenville until his eleventh year, when he went to the Soldiers' Orphans' school at Loysville, Perry county, Pennsylvana, remaining there until he was fifteen years of age. He then returned to Greenville, and turned his attention to the trade of telegrapher, which he mastered in a short time, and became a most efficient and capable operator. He learned his trade with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, with whom he was identified until 1890. Mr. Paul was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Economy Telegraph Company of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, and acted as secretary of the company until 1905. He now holds the position of outside financial manager, and discharges his duties in a most creditable and highly satisfactory manner.

He is a Republican in his political convictions, and in 1905 was elected to the office of justice of the peace of Greenville, to serve for a five years' term. In the same year he was elected by the Republican party of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, as a delegate to the state convention at Harrisburg. He is a public-spirited citizen, taking a great interest in all pertaining to the welfare of his town, and always ready to assist any enterprise tending to advance its interests.

JAMES M. SHOBER.

James M. Shober, a representative citizen of Garrett, Pennsylvania, was born in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in the house he now owns and resides in, September 6, 1855. His early ancestors were natives of Switzerland, but his parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were natives of this country.

His father, George W. Shober, born September 15, 1826, son of Jacob Shober, was a man of deep religious conviction. He was a member and later a minister of the Church of God. Although owning and conducting a farm of four hundred acres, he traveled over the country and preached in the churches of all denominations as well as his own. Creed sat lightly on his shoulders, and all Christians were his brethren. He was first a Whig and later a Prohibitionist, but with the exception of a few minor offices would not accept the public positions offered him. On January 25, 1852, he married Leah B. Berkley, daughter of Solomon and Catherine (Boger) Berkley, and they were the parents of two sons and two daughters: Samuel U., married Sarah Kimmell; James M., of whom later; Laura V., who became the wife of Alexander Coleman; Eximena, who became the wife of Wesley Landis. George W. Shober (father) died June 15, 1897. His wife, Leah B. (Berkley) Shober, who is a member of the Brethren church, is living at the present time (1906) on the old homestead.

James M. Shober was educated in the common and normal schools of the county. His intention was to make teaching his vocation in life, but upon making a trip to Richardson county, Nebraska, in 1880, he changed his mind and determined to become a western farmer. On returning east to make his arrangements he found his parents so opposed to this plan that he abandoned it, and instead took the home farm and has remained on it ever since. The farm is substantially the same in size as when he purchased it—four hundred acres—but he has remodeled and enlarged the house and built the most commodious barn in the county. The farm is well stocked with good horses and blooded Short-Horn cattle. It is also underlaid with four veins of coal varying from four to seven feet in thickness, and the plant of the Somerset Coal Company is located on the farm. W. D. Althouse leased the coal right of two of the veins and opened the first mine, but subsequently sold to the above named company. These two veins return to Mr. Shober a royalty, while he retains all his rights in the other veins. There are also large, fine orchards on the property, and a sugar camp of fifteen hundred vessels producing from four to five thousand pounds annually. This farm has been in the possession of three generations of Shobers. In politics Mr. Shober is strictly independent. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, of Berlin. He is a member of the Maccabees, and is commander of the lodge located at Garrett, Pennsylvania. He has passed all the chairs of the Protective Home Circle of Garrett, is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Berlin, and member of Beachdale Lodge, Patrons of Husbandry, in which he has passed all the chairs. Mr. Shober is an independent, original thinker and possesses a strong, manly character. He is now (1906) in his fifty-first year, alert and active, and Brothers Valley is rich in having such men as he within her borders.

Mr. Shober married, December 22, 1882, Ada E. Coleman, born April 4, 1864, educated in the common schools, and died May 28, 1902, daughter of Jacob J. and Mary (Musser) Coleman. Fifteen children were the issue of this union, five of whom—four sons and one daughter—died in infancy and early childhood. The names of the surviving children are as follows: Lucy C., born in 1883, received her education in the common and normal schools and is now a teacher; Clayton P., born July 8, 1884, has chosen farming as his occupation and will succeed his father, making the fourth generation on the home farm; Melda V., born May 14, 1891; Ivy L., born August 1, 1892; Etta L., born January 22, 1894; Etha Linda, born August 27, 1895; Galen M., born October 10, 1896; Helen M., born November 2, 1897; James J., born April 29, 1899; Ada M., born May 2, 1902.

THOMAS FAMILY.

The earliest known ancestor of the Thomas family, represented by Abraham Jacob and Richard Franklin Thomas, residents of Boynton, was Benjamin Thomas, who resided in Somerset county and there reared a family of children, among whom was Jacob Thomas, a native of Somerset county, where he lived all his life and followed the occupation of farming. He was a member of the German Baptist church, and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican. Jacob Thomas married Rebecca Zonesbury, who bore him the following children: Abraham J., of whom more will be written; Amos, deceased; Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Chrissner); Barbara (Mrs. David Beachley, of Ohio); Mary, deceased (Mrs. Samuel Hawn), Samuel, a farmer of Milford township; Jacob, a salesman, living near Salisbury, and two who died in infancy. Jacob Thomas, father of these children, died at the age of seventy-one, and his wife at the age of ninety-one.

Abraham Jacob Thomas, eldest son of Jacob and Rebecca (Zonesbury) Thomas, was born September 9, 1837, in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. His education was received in the township schools of Elk Lick. He worked for the farmers of the neighborhood, and when twenty-seven years of age learned the trade of cooper, which he followed ten years. He then became a coal miner and for ten years dug coal in the mines of Somerset county. Having accumulated sufficient capital, he erected a store building in Boynton, and for six years thereafter conducted a general store. He then sold the stock and fixtures to his son, Richard F., and built his present residence in Boynton, where he has since lived a retired life, free from business cares. Mr. Thomas enlisted in the Union army, October 21, 1862, in Company K, One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served his term of enlistment, nine months, and was honorably discharged August 10, 1863. He is a Republican, and in 1884 served as supervisor of Elk Lick township. He is a member of the Brethren church and of the Elk Lick congregation.

Abraham Jacob Thomas married (first), January 12, 1858, Sarah Meyers, daughter of John and Anna Meyers, of Bedford county, and their children were: Annie, deceased, was the wife of Joel Kinsinger; Ellen C. (Mrs. Milton Blough); Richard Franklin, see forward; Alvin, resides in Garrett and is employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad; he married Ada Ferrell; Amanda (Mrs. Arthur Robinson), and Margaret (Mrs. Wallace Fike). Mrs. Sarah Thomas, the mother of these children, died August 24, 1890. Mr. Thomas married (second), October 22, 1891, Mrs. Elizabeth Grooms, widow of William H. Grooms. There is no issue of this marriage. The children of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas by her first marriage were: Ellen F. (Mrs. Eugene Oden), Robert A., deceased; Margaret M. (Mrs. Joseph Man Kenyer), and William H., deceased.

Richard Franklin Thomas, eldest son of Abraham Jacob and Sarah (Meyers) Thomas, was born in Boynton, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1864. He attended the township schools, and early in life was a worker in the Keystone coal mines. This occupation he alternated with working on a farm until he was eighteen years old, when he went to Ohio and there worked for two years with his uncle, Peter Meyers. Returning to Pennsylvania, he resumed mining and farming, and for two years was employed in the sawmill of George S. Young, and the following five years worked in the mines. In 1894 he established a general store in Boynton, which he sold out in 1898, and for the following three years worked for the Hamilton Supply Company and the Somerset Coal Company. In 1903 he built his present store in Boynton and has since conducted a general business, which has now assumed large proportions. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion an adherent of the Brethren church and a member of the Elk Lick congregation.

Richard Franklin Thomas, married, May 14, 1893, Mary Eckert, a daughter of Thomas and Josephine Eckert, and their children are: Eva, Mary, Josephine, Richard, Margaret and Elizabeth Thomas.

JAMES HAMILTON BLACK.

The Black family is one of the very oldest Somerset county families, they having settled there as early as 1760. The most famous member of this family was Judge Jeremiah S. Black, who was born in Stony Creek township, as was also his father, Henry Black, who was a member of congress from this district at the time of his death in 1842. The Black family from their earliest settlement in the county down to the present time (1906) have been prominent in legal, political and business affairs, and in whatever branch they engaged were always leaders.

James Black, grandfather of James H. and Frank B. Black, was born near Berlin, Pennsylvania, and afterwards settled at Somerfield, Somerset county, where he conducted a tannery and engaged in the manufacture of stoneware. He also owned farming lands, which he cultivated and improved. He married Catherine Johnson, one of the Berlin family of that name, and their children were: George J., of whom later; Albert G., retired merchant of Confluence, the only member of the family now living; his sons are engaged in business at Confluence and comprise the firm of A. G. Black's Sons; Newton, for many years a merchant of Uniontown; James S., one of the earliest bankers of Meyersdale, a member for many years of the banking firm of Philson, Black & Co., now the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale; he married a daughter of Samuel Philson;

Sarah Ellen, became the wife of James S. Hook, of Somerfield; Charlotte, married (first) James Hamilton, and (second) Charles Rush. Two other daughters of James Black died while still in their teens. James Black, father of these children, died at an advanced age.

George J. Black, father of James H. and Frank B. Black, was born at Somerfield, Addison township, Somerset county, June 6, 1828. He succeeded to the business of his father after his school days were over, carried on the manufacture of stoneware and conducted a large general store in Somerfield until 1873, when he removed to Meyersdale and founded a plant there for the manufacture of the stoneware, and also engaged in mercantile business. He was a Republican in politics. In 1887 he was elected treasurer of Somerset county for a term of three years, in 1896 associate judge, an office he filled for five years, and at the time of his death was tax collector for the borough of Meyersdale. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and held the important official positions in that body.

In 1851 George J. Black married Sarah Margaret Bradfield, daughter of John and Ann Bradfield, of Loudon county, Virginia, and their children were: Alverda C., wife of George Hopwood, of Uniontown; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Robert H. Koontz; Annie, of Meyersdale, unmarried; Susan L., wife of William T. Hoblitzell, of Meyersdale; James Hamilton, see forward; Frank B., see forward; J. Milton, coal operator of Somerset. George J. Black was a man of deep religious conviction and purpose, the soul of honor, and filled the great position of trust committed to him faithfully. His useful and honorable life terminated November 20, 1902, in his seventy-fifth year. His wife, Sarah Margaret (Bradfield) Black, was born in 1821 in Somerset county, and her death occurred in May, 1897. She was one of a family of nine children. She was an active, earnest member of the Methodist church.

James Hamilton Black, second son and fifth child of George J. and Sarah Margaret (Bradfield) Black, was born at Somerfield, Addison township, Somerset county, December 21, 1861. He received his early education in the Somerfield and Meyersdale schools, he being in his twelfth year when his parents removed to the latter town. This knowledge was supplemented by a course in the summer normal schools and by two years at Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He early worked in his father's store, and for three years following the completion of his studies served in the capacity of clerk. In connection with his brother, Frank B., they took over the manufacturing business of their father and continued it for three years under the style of Black Bros. James H. then sold his interest and became a bookkeeper for George W. Gassman, a hardware dealer. In 1893 he became interested in life insurance and took the local agency for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He was very successful in this line of work and was promoted to be district manager over a much larger territory. He still continues in this business and is recognized as an exceedingly able and reliable authority on insurance matters and detail. Mr. Black's other business interests are in coal mines, largely. He is treasurer of the Listonburg Coal Mining Company, treasurer and general manager of the Listonburg Coal and Coke Company and a stockholder in the banks of Meyersdale and Addison, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a Republican in politics and a member of Meyersdale Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Johnstown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

James H. Black married, May 9, 1894, Anna S. H. Stoughton, widow of Robert A. Stoughton, by whom she had one son, Robert, who is now superintendent of the Listonburg mines. Mrs. Black is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Hill) Huddleston, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Episcopal church.

FRANK BRADFIELD BLACK.

Frank Bradfield Black, third son and sixth child of George J. and Sarah Margaret (Bradfield) Black, was born in Addison township, April 17, 1864.

He attended the public and normal schools at Meyersdale until about his twentieth year. In 1884 he succeeded his father in the manufacturing of stoneware, etc., at Meyersdale, and in 1886 added the manufacture of drain tile to the business, and the succeeding year added brick manufacturing. He continued in this business very successfully until 1902, when he sold the plant. Being an ambitious, self-reliant man, Mr. Black believed he was able to handle successfully large operations, and with keen foresight saw that the signs all pointed to the soft coal industry as the one in which a man of ability, nerve and energy could successfully operate. He began by buying options on coal properties. In 1900-01, with S. A. Kendall and others, he incorporated the Casselman Coal Company, of Meyersdale, with mines at Garrett. Mr. Black was secretary of the company, which in about a year was sold at a handsome profit to the Somerset Coal Company. The success of this, his first, venture on a large scale, gave Mr. Black the capital and increased courage for greater undertakings. In 1902 he helped to organize and incorporate the Meyersdale Coal Company, which purchased the mines and other property of the Wells Creek Coal Company, which they capitalized at $100,000, under the name of the Meyersdale Coal Company, with Mr. Black as president. Their mines are located on Wells creek and other points on the Somerset branch. After a time the capital stock was increased to $200,000, and several other properties purchased.

With this company in fine condition and shipping about seven hundred tons daily, Mr. Black resigned the presidency, and in 1903 organized the Garrett Coal Company, a corporation with mines at and near Garrett, Pennsylvania. Mr. Black is treasurer and general manager and is putting the property in fine condition. The output daily is one thousand tons; the plant is new and modern, and to its operation Mr. Black gives his personal attention. He is also president of the Big Vein Coal Company, of Elk Lick. Early in his mining operations Mr. Black saw the great importance of having an eastern agency for marketing the coal of his companies, thus eliminating the middlemen, or selling agents, who absorbed a large share of the profits. He found the right men, and in 1902 formed the Black Field and Emmons Company, under the laws of New York, with offices at No. 1 Broadway, New York City. This is purely a selling company and handles the product of the Black companies, except that sold direct from the mines. Mr. Black was the first Somerset county operator to force his way into eastern markets and sell his own coal. The Black Field and Emmons Company have been very successful in building up an immense demand for their product, and are one of the largest dealers in soft coal in New York City.

Mr. Black's business enterprises, of which we name the more important, are many and varied. He is a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Garrett and a director of the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale. He owns a farm of one hundred and eighty acres on the Garrett road, two miles from Meyersdale, where he has his summer home. He has built a modern brick residence in Meyersdale on the corner of Front and Beachley streets. Mr. Black has shown himself a successful man. He started with no capital but a stout heart, an unfailing courage and an unbounded confidence in himself and his plans. While he is deeply engrossed in his business, Mr. Black is not unmindful of his duties as a citizen. He has contributed largely toward the upbuilding and improvement of Meyersdale and is always ready to lend a hand to advance her interests. He served two years in the borough council and one term as tax collector. In church relations he is a Methodist and in politics a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to Meyersdale Lodge, No. 554, Free and Accepted Masons, and Hebron Chapter, No. 272, Royal Arch Masons.

Mr. Black married, October 12, 1892, Flora M., daughter of

John B. and Elizabeth (Stahl) Snyder, of Somerset, Pennsylvania. She was educated in the schools of Somerset and at Maryland College, Lutherville, Maryland. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Black are: Frank S., born September 1, 1894; William H., born March 24, 1897; Elizabeth S., born June 15, 1900; John B., born June 2, 1906; Flora S., born March 20, 1902, died March 25, 1903.

SAYLOR FAMILY.

This was originally a German family and the name was spelled "Syler." The American ancestors settled in Pennsylvania about 1700.

(I) Jacob Saylor was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1737. He was a soldier in the war for independence, and his religious faith was of the German Reformed church. He came to Somerset county about 1780.

(II) Samuel Saylor, son of Jacob Saylor, born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1783, married and reared a family, and among their sons was one named Samuel S. Saylor.

(III) Samuel S. Saylor, son of Samuel Saylor, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1814. He followed farming for a livelihood. He reared a large family, many of whom have become prominent and prosperous citizens of Somerset county. He was of the German Reformed church faith and in politics a Democrat. He proved his loyalty to his country during the dark days of the Rebellion by serving under the nine months' enlistment as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment. He died at Somerset, Pennsylvania, in 1882. He was united in marriage to Caroline Berkey, daughter of Daniel and Kate (Zimmerman) Berkey, the latter named having been born in 1808, and died at the extreme old age of ninety-two years. Mrs. Caroline (Berkey) Saylor died in 1880. The Berkeys and Zimmermans are a numerous family in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Saylor, seven of whom survive, as follows: Andrew J.; Daniel; Franklin P.; James; William; Mary; and Emma. The deceased are: Polly; Catherine; Rebecca; Lizzie; and Edmond. The parents of these children both held membership in the United Evangelical church and were buried at Pleasant Hill cemetery, Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Franklin Pierce Saylor, son of Samuel S. and Caroline (Berkey) Saylor, was born June 30, 1850, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. His education was obtained at the common schools and at Central Pennyslvania College, the latter institution conferring upon him the degree of master of science. He became a minister in the United Evangelical church, of which denomination he has been a member for thirty-five years. In church life he has been a very active man. He served as member of the board of examinations for ten years; member of the board of publication; was elected and served as presiding elder of his church; and was delegate to the general conference and board of missions. From February, 1864, to February, 1867, he was a member of the Sixteenth United States Infantry Regiment and made a good soldier, ever willing to perform any duty assigned him. In his political affiliations he has ever been counted a staunch Republican. He served as prothonotary and clerk of the county during the years 1894-95-96. He is a devout member of the United Evangelical church, as above noted. The following orders claim him as one of their active members: R. P. Cummins Post, No. 210, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was commander and chaplain; Knights of the Golden Eagle; Mystic Chain; and Junior Order of American Mechanics. Being a man of ability and learning, he had much to do with public affairs, and he frequently appeared on the platform, rostrum and pulpit, ever advocating the right and denouncing the wrong in both church and state. Aside from his pulpit career he has been connected with a number of business enterprises, in which he has been successful. He was nominated in June, 1906, for the legislature by the Lincoln Republicans, Democrats and Prohibitionists as the fusion candidate. Being extensively acquainted all over the county, and having many friends in all parties and factions, his chances for election are excellent. Having himself served three years during the War of '61-'65, he also had one son, George W. Saylor, to serve in Company H, Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the Spanish-American war.

Mr. Saylor married, June 20, 1869, at Somerset, Pennsylvania, Harriet Jane Poorbaugh, the daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Ringley) Poorbaugh, which families are both of prominence in the history of Somerset county. Mr. and Mrs. Saylor are the parents of the following children: Norman S., born February 13, 1870, see forward; George W., born August 24, 1872; Libbie A., born December 3, 1874, deceased, was a bright and accomplished young lady; Calvin W., born June 30, 1877; Carrie V., born March 20, 1879; Mary Ada, born August 27, 1882; Frank C., born September 13, 1884; Harry D., born March 19, 1889. These eight children were all well educated and settled and made homes for themselves in various places in Pennsylvania.

(IV) James B. Saylor, lumberman of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was born September 2, 1857, in Stony Creek, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, son of Samuel S. and Caroline (Berkey) Saylor. His father, a cooper by trade, had a large family, and consequently the educational advantages enjoyed by his children were necessarily limited to the common schools. After completing his education, at an early age, he followed farming for several years, but subsequently turned his attention to contracting in the lumber business, which has been his chief vocation during his life. At first he took contracts to cut and clear from the stump. He was interested with others in this line of work up to 1899, when he was elected sheriff of Somerset county for the term of three years. After his term had expired he again engaged in the lumber business on his own account, and now operates a mill located about five miles from Somerset, having but recently located there, having operated mills at other points previously. Besides his sawmill and general lumbering trade, which has become quite extensive, he also owns two tracts of farming land hard by the borough of Somerset, which he farms in a successful manner, producing grain and grass. Believing in good old-time Democracy, he votes with that political organization. His popularity in both parties, in fact, resulted in his election to the office of sheriff of Somerset county in 1899. He made a most honorable and competent sheriff and retired from the political arena to the business pursuits of life. He is an honored member of the Sons of Veterans, being made eligible by his father's service during the Civil war. He is also a member of the Order of Elks, No. 175; Royal Arcanum, No. 985; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Saylor married (first), August 27, 1876, Emma C. Lape, daughter of John and Rebecca (Hoffman) Lape. By this union were born the following children: Melda E., February 27, 1878; Nanne E., October 1, 1879; Parker, March 14, 1882; Sadie M., November 25, 1883; J. Scott, March 25, 1887; William E., April 22, 1890; Neva E., January 29, 1892; Emma G., December 3, 1893, died in the summer of 1894, aged about eight months. The mother of these children died December 21, 1894. Mr. Saylor married (second), September 6, 1900, Emma V. (Rhoads) Patch, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Duppstadt) Rhoads and widow of ——— Patch. Mr. Saylor and his family reside in a comfortable and commodious house at Somerset, which is provided with all modern improvements, and they enjoy the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends.

(IV) Andrew J. Saylor, son of Samuel S. and Caroline (Berkey) Saylor, was born July 10, 1846, in Brothers Valley township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He received a limited common school education. During the Civil war he enlisted as a member of the same company in which his father served, Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers. After his nine months' term of enlistment had expired, in 1864, he re-enlisted in Company H, Twenty-second

Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which he served until the close of the war. He was but fifteen years of age when he first enlisted in the Union army. He was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, the ball striking him in his left shoulder. He was then sent to Hammond General Hospital, at Point Lookout, Maryland. After his return from the war he was married, and worked as a laborer at whatever came in his way. Later he removed to the Ligonier valley, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he rented and farmed land for eight years. He then returned to his native county and followed a number of occupations, including that of peddler and salesman of sewing machines, proprietor of a restaurant and manager and clerk in a store. About 1880 he moved his family to Furnas county, Nebraska, for the purpose of taking up a homestead under his soldier right, which he did, but on account of the newness of the country and the homesickness of his wife, so far from relatives and friends of her childhood home in the east, he abandoned his claim and returned overland by means of a mule team and covered wagon, in which he and his wife and their six children traveled. They were over eight weeks en route, the journey being made in the months of August and September. Upon his return to Somerset county Mr. Saylor again rented farm land, and finally purchased a farm four miles to the east of the borough of Somerset, on which he resided until 1903, when he disposed of the same and purchased property just out of the borough limits of Somerset, where he still resides and conducts a grocery store. At the present time (1906) he is serving as tax collector in Somerset township. He is a member of Grand Army Post, No. 210, at Somerset, and has been a member of Royal Castle, Knights of the Mystic Chain, which castle is now defunct.

Mr. Saylor married, January 6, 1866, Annie Pisel, who died in 1880. Seven children were born to them, as follows: Jenny, Lottie, Mary, Benjamin, Harvey, Franklin and Belinda. Four are now deceased. Mr. Saylor married for his second wife Angeline Hofford, a widow, whose maiden name was Masters, and by this union six children were born, all of whom are living at the present time (1906): 1. James O., born July 10, 1880, is married and living in Chicago, Illinois, where he is taking a course in a medical college. 2. Leman G., born June 18, 1882, is a printer by trade, living in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, married Gertie Uhl, and they have two sons, Wilbur and Harold. 3. Lizzie A., born September 7, 1887. 4. Homer E., born March 13, 1890. 5. Freeman, born June 23, 1892. 6. Paul Dewey, born December 12, 1894.

(IV) Daniel Webster Saylor, son of Samuel S. and Caroline (Berkey) Saylor, born July 3, 1854, at Rocksbury, Stony

Creek township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, acquired a good common school education and was reared on a farm. He learned the trade of shoemaker, serving a three years' apprenticeship, and followed the same for a period of seven years. He then entered the ministry of the Evangelical Association and served his church about four years in Somerset township. About 1880 he migrated to Furnas county, Nebraska, where he claimed an eighty-acre tract of government land, upon which he lived, with a roadhouse for a dwelling. His stay in Nebraska was about two years, but, owing to lack of rain, he abandoned his homestead and returned with his family to his native place. He then located in Meyersdale, Somerset county, and there engaged in coal mining for about seven years. He procured a certificate as mine foreman and served in that capacity at Garrett, Pennsylvania, for a Mr. Shoofly for a year, when he voluntarily abandoned that work and returned to Somerset, near which borough he purchased a farm. He then was variously engaged at farming and in the conduct of a meat market, grocery establishment and restaurant. He conducted the basement restaurant in Knepper's block for about ten years and then sold it to his son, M. W. Saylor. For seven months thereafter he operated a variety store, which he then sold to Hoffman & Co., and in September, 1905, he purchased the grocery and restaurant business of Messrs. Saylor & Young, of which he is still the proprietor. In political belief Mr. Saylor has never seen a better party to support than the Republican, and has always cast his vote for its candidates. He served two terms as township supervisor in Somerset township and one term of three years as jury commissioner. He was formerly connected with the Evangelical Lutheran church, before the "split" in that body, but since then has held no regular church connection. He is a member of the order of Maccabees and was a member of the Mystic Chain and Sons of Veterans until the local societies of those orders became defunct.

Mr. Saylor married, September 28, 1875, Sadie M. Rhoads, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Duppstadt) Rhoads. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Theodore Eisenhouer at Lambertsville, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of fifteen children: Ward M., born February 16, 1877, married Mary Way, October 28, 1902, and they have a son named Kenneth Way, born January 14, 1904; Charles D., born March 3, 1878, died March 31, 1881; Grace E., born October 17, 1879, died October 31, 1881; Jennie B., born July 15, 1880, died July 15, 1881; Sadie C., born August 11, 1882, married Charles Snyder, June 23, 1903, and they have a daughter, Sarah Katharine, born November 20, 1904; Clyde R., born March 31, 1884, mentioned hereinafter; Bessie E., born December 4, 1885; Minnie S., born

March 28, 1887, married Alexander Saylor, August 16, 1905; Myrtle I., born December 31, 1888; Annie L., born August 10, 1890; Lloyd P., born March 20, 1894, died March 11, 1895; Marguerite M., born June 23, 1896, died February 13, 1898; Wilbert D., born December 20, 1897; Edythe E., born September 10, 1899; Daniel J., born November 29, 1902.

George M. Saylor, son of Samuel Saylor, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1829. He received a common school education and his active career was devoted to the business of painting and paperhanging, which proved exceedingly remunerative. He assisted in the building of the first court house in Somerset county. He is a Republican in politics, a Lutheran in religion and an active member of the Masonic order. In 1852 he married Catherine Sufall, daughter of John Sufall, above mentioned, and the issue of this union was the following children, namely: Anna L., deceased; Norah, deceased; Harry L. Y.; Florence; John T.; Robert G.; and Irwin W. Saylor.

(V) Irwin W. Saylor, youngest son of George M. and Catherine (Sufall) Saylor, was born in Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1874. He is indebted to the common schools of Somerset county for the educational advantages he enjoyed, attending the same until he attained the age of eighteen years. He then served an apprenticeship at the trade of painting and paperhanging, becoming an expert workman, and at the present time (1905) is taking contracts for that line of work. He is one of the young business men of Somerset who has achieved success by his own energy and enterprise. He is a very congenial, well-informed man, of excellent business qualifications, and is highly regarded by all with whom he is brought in contact, whether in business or social life. He is a member of the Woodmen of America, Knights of the Golden Eagle and Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

(V) Norman S. Saylor, son of Franklin Pierce and Harriet J. (Poorbaugh) Saylor, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1870. He acquired his educational training in the common schools of his native place, and immediately after leaving the schoolroom engaged as a clerk in a general mercantile house and followed this occupation for seven years. He then turned his attention to farming, in which he has since been engaged and in which occupation he has achieved the most gratifying success. He has been a lifelong Republican in his political relations and has ever been ready to lend his assistance to all enterprises tending to advance the interest of the community.

Mr. Saylor married, February 17, 1892, Miss Leora Sebert, born January 26, 1871, in Somerset county, a daughter of Solomon and Mary (Trent) Sebert. Solomon Sebert is a native of Somerset county and a carpenter and cabinetmaker by trade. He is a Republican in politics. He and his wife have children as follows: Ella; Frank; Hattie; George B.; W. A.; John H.; Leora (Mrs. Saylor); D. W.; Lottie; E. E., deceased; Milton, deceased; and Charles, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Saylor are the parents of the following named children: Ray S., born January 29, 1893; and Ruth S., born September 13, 1895. They live at home with their parents.

(V) Clyde R. Saylor, son of Daniel Webster and Sadie M. (Rhoads) Saylor, was born in Somerset, March 31, 1883. He attended the common schools of his birthplace until reaching the age of seventeen, when he entered the ice cream business, in which he was engaged until his recent removal to Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, his dealings being both wholesale and retail. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. Mr. Saylor married, September 29, 1903, Rosa A. Long, daughter of Oliver J. and Sarah (Fisher) Long, who are the parents of the following named children: Harvey; Rosa A., born January 2, 1879, in Somerset township, and became the wife of Clyde R. Saylor; Sylvester; Susan; Mary, and Irven. Oliver J. Long, father of these children, was born in Shady township and is a farmer by occupation.

Josiah Saylor, son of Joseph and Eliza (Hipple) Saylor, was born in Somerset, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1840. He received his education in the common schools of his native county, and his active career has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, served three years and was discharged June 11, 1864. October 26, 1864, he re-enlisted in Company G, Sixty-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge June 28, 1865.

Mr. Saylor married, October 15, 1865, Mary Houpt, and the following named children were born to them: Annie E., deceased, who was the wife of Walter McFarland, of Allegheny (Greater Pittsburg), and had one daughter, Edna; Mr. McFarland is engaged in the transfer and storage business; Charles H., who married Anna Null and lives in Somerset. Dollie B., deceased; Milton A., who married Ida Belle, daughter of Solomon and Sophia (Hemmington) Baldwin, the former a farmer; Milton A. and Ida Belle Saylor have two children, Margaret and Walter; Josie H., deceased; Louise, deceased; Bessie, deceased.

Mrs. Saylor, on the paternal side, is descended from German ancestors, her grandfather having emigrated from the Fatherland. Her great-grandfather on her mother's side came from Scotland and settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where his son, John McAfee, was born. The daughter of John McAfee was ——— McAfee, who married ——— Houpt, son of ——— Houpt. They were the parents of a daughter, Mary, who became the wife of Josiah Saylor, as mentioned above.

JACOB HOSTETTER.

Jacob Hostetter, father of Jacob Hostetter, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, was a native of Germany, from whence he came to the United States, settling in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, at the time of the invasion of that section of the state by the Indians, and his family were all killed by the red men, with the exception of two sons. Jacob Hostetter married Mary Shultz, and their children were: John, Samuel, Jacob, Adam, Barbara, Polly, Lizzie, Katharine and Peggie.

John Hostetter, eldest son of Jacob and Mary (Shultz) Hostetter, married Barbara Meyers, and their children were as follows: Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Lillie, Sarah, Annie, William, Magdaline, George, Barbara, Eliza and Emma.

George Hostetter, son of John and Barbara (Meyers) Hostetter, was born near Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1833. He married Mary Spiecher, daughter of Jacob and Sally Spiecher, and they are the parents of six children: 1. Annie, wife of Samuel Thomas and mother of three children: William, George, and Jacob, who married Anna Meyers, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Meyers, and their children are: Ernest, Annie and Paul. 2. John, married and resides in the west. 3. Edward. 4. Sarah E., married C. W. Hetterly, and they are the parents of one child, Lester. 5. Robert, married Matilda Penrose. George Hostetter, by his second marriage, had three children: Frank, Mabel and George.

STEWART SMITH.

Stewart Smith, of Salisbury, is the eldest son of William and Caroline E. (Dively) Smith, of Salisbury. William Smith, son of Henry Smith, was born in Dauphin county, and at the age of twenty came to Somerset county. He learned the trade of a cooper and followed that occupation many years. He was a man of good education and for a time was a teacher in the public schools. He was for many years engaged in mercantile life in Salisbury, and in the seventies retired from active life. He is now (1906) eighty-one years of age. Mr. Smith was instrumental in securing for Salisbury a telegraph line, which the Western Union Company ran, from the "pike," Mr. Smith raising the required amount of stock. His daughter Victoria took lessons in telegraphy and was the first operator. Mr. Smith is a Republican and was postmaster of Salisbury under the administrations of Lincoln and Johnson. He is a member of the Evangelical Association, of which society he was one of the organizers and official members.

William Smith married, in 1848, Caroline E., daughter of Michael and Julia Dively, of Salisbury, and the children of this union were: Stewart, see forward; Victoria E., wife of S. M. Baumgartner, of Morgantown, West Virginia; Edward H., of Pittsburg; Willis B., of Pittsburg; Ellett W., of Pittsburg; Harriet E., wife of C. E. Sperry, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; and Caroline M., wife of Robert H. Johnson, of Salisbury, Pennsylvania. The other children of the family learned the art of telegraphy from Victoria E., above referred to, and became expert operators, both sons and daughters. The three sons hold high and lucrative positions in their profession.

Stewart Smith was born in Salisbury, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1852. He there attended the public schools until the age of sixteen, afterward taking a course in the Iron City Commercial College, Pittsburg. Until 1872 he was employed in his father's store at Salisbury, and then for ten years taught in the schools of that and of other places in Elk Lick township, also one term in Greenville township. For two years he was operative in charge of the Western Union office in Salisbury, after which he entered the service of the firm of Ehlen Brothers, coal operators of Baltimore, Maryland, with mines at Salisbury, and was still there when the business was sold to the Somerset Coal Company. During the period of his connection with the firm he filled the positions of store manager and mine superintendent. He still, to a certain extent, maintains his association with them, and is now manager of the Howard Meager & Company store in Salisbury. For a number of years Mr. Smith served as school director and for one term held the office of tax collector. He is a Republican in politics and a member and deacon of the Brethren church.

Mr. Smith married, June 27, 1872, Eliza A., daughter of Jacob Sipe, of New Centerville, Pennsylvania, and their family consisted of three daughters: Alice A., born August 17, 1873, married, September 14, 1904, Samuel P. Schell, of Connellsville; Isoline Rosamond, born January 20, 1875, married, October 27, 1901, Charles H. Beale, Jr., of Meyersdale, now of Salisbury; and Katherine C., born July 4, 1880, died August 22, 1900.

JOHN WIEGLE.

John Wiegle, a resident of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Stony Creek township, October 8, 1838, a son of Jacob and Sarah (Raymond) Wiegle. His education was obtained in the public schools of the county. His political affiliation is Republican, and in church connections he is a Lutheran. When the Civil war was in progress he enlisted, in 1863, in Company H, under command of Captain Schrock, and served seven months. He married, in April, 1863, Maria Ringler, born January 27, 1846, a daughter of Levi and Susan (Sniter) Ringler. Of this marriage children were born as follows: Lincoln, deceased; Isadore; Phœbe; Sarah; Rosa; Daisy; Lottie; Eva; Jane; Maude, deceased; James; Mary, deceased; Susan, deceased; Jeannette, deceased; Edward, deceased; and John W., deceased.

ALBERT HALBROOK.

The parents of Albert Halbrook, late of Somerset, were Frederick and Catharine (Presuhn) Halbrook, both natives of Germany, in which country their son Albert was born, April 9, 1858. During his childhood the family emigrated to the United States and he received his education in Somerset county.

At the age of fourteen Albert Halbrook left school, and until he was twenty-four worked on the farm with his father. He then engaged for several years in the brick business. In the sphere of politics he was a Democrat, doing all in his power to further the interests of the organization.

Mr. Halbrook married, March 8, 1885, Lucy Zarfoss, and their children were: Gertrude, Harry, Frederick and Edward. Mrs. Halbrook is a daughter of Adam Zarfoss, whose father, also Adam Zarfoss, emigrated from Germany. The son was born in Somerset county and all his life followed the calling of a farmer. He married Maria Keller, and their children were: Patterson; Susan; Cyrus S.; Lucy, born July 10, 1860, in Somerset county, and became the wife of Albert Halbrook, as mentioned above; Sara; Ida; and Harvey. Albert Halbrook died in October, 1905.

WILLIAM TAYMAN.

William Tayman, deceased, was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He was a descendant of an English ancestry. About fourteen years prior to his death, which occurred December 23, 1845, he took up his residence in Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and secured employment with his brother, freighting from Baltimore to Pittsburg. Two years after taking up his residence in Somerset William Tayman was united in marriage to Eliza A. Lavan, daughter of David and Madaline (Young) Lavan, the former named having been engaged in the hotel business throughout the active years of his life. Six children were the issue of this union: 1. Belinda, deceased, was the wife of Captain W. M. Jordan, and they were the parents of three children: Mary, Jessie and Grace. 2. David L., married Frances Young, and their family consists of eight children: Captain Charles, Annie, Lilly, Norah, Mary, Floyd, Edwin and Thomas. 3. Austin A., married Jennie Bell, issue: William, Francis, George and Thomas. 4. George H., see forward. 5. Elizabeth M., married Curtis Grove, and they are the parents of three children: Bertha, David, and Roger. 6. William H., married Matilda Smith; issue, five children: John, Eliza, Leah, Nevin and James.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Eliza A. (Lavan) Tayman engaged in the hotel business, conducting the same successfully up to the time of her retirement from active pursuits. She has since resided with her son, William J. Tayman, on the old homestead at Lavansville, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Tayman and her son, George H. Tayman, built the Somerset House three times, the structure being destroyed by fire twice, which caused serious financial loss, but with the indomitable courage and persistence which is a characteristic of the family they set about the rebuilding each time, and it is now one of the best equipped and most largely patronized hostleries in Somerset county.

EDWARD A. SPANGLER.

Edward A. Spangler, of Rockwood, is a son of Samuel Spangler, who was born in Stoystown and devoted himself to farming in connection with the duties of a weighmaster. He married Mary Horner, a native of Somerset county, and their children were: John; Edward A., of whom later; Laura; Jane; Cline; and Michael.

Edward A. Spangler, son of Samuel and Mary (Horner) Spangler, was born September 10, 1857, in Somerset township, half way between Somerset and Stoystown, and received his education in the common schools of his native county. At the age of seventeen he left school and engaged in farming until 1885, when he went to work in a distillery, remaining until 1889. He was then employed until 1893 as a storekeeper for the government, after which he devoted one year to farming and then for a few months returned to the distillery. In December, 1904, he was appointed chief of police, an office which he still holds. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Spangler married, September 30, 1883, Anna H. Critchfield, and their children are: Harry S., Willons J., Margaret M., Frank, George M., Mabel and Blanche. Mrs. Spangler was born in 1866, in Milford township, daughter of Jacob Critchfield, a farmer, who held the office of constable of Somerset county.

THE MEAGER FAMILY.

John Meager, a retired business man, and John Howard Meager, his son, both of Salisbury, are the descendants of English ancestors, the former being also of English birth and the founder of the family in this country, where it is already numerous and well known in Somerset county.

John Meager was born in 1842, in Cornwall, England, and in August, 1867, emigrated to the United States with his wife and his child, Josephine. He settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he worked at iron-mining and rose to be mine foreman. In December, 1869, he moved to Frostburg, Maryland, where he worked in the coal mines until 1877, when he went to Glade City, Somerset county, and there held the position of foreman of mines for the Baltimore & Cumberland Coal Company. In 1879 he moved to Hyndman, Pennsylvania, where he was employed during the summer as superintendent by J. J. Hoblitzel & Company, building among other things, two large lime kilns. In September of the same year he went to Elk Lick township and opened the Frog Hill mines for the Baltimore & Cumberland Coal Company. In November of that year he moved his family from Hyndman to Salisbury, where he has since lived. He remained in the service of the same company for twenty years, as long as they were in existence, or until 1881, when he went to Coal Run and opened the Chapman mines for the Grassey Run Coal Company. In 1882 he returned to Salisbury and worked for J. J. Hoblitzel as superintendent of the Frog Hill mines until 1885. During the summer of that year he secured a lease from the Keystone Coal Company and has since been operating his own mines, now called the Grassey Run mines. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Salisbury and is interested in coal land in West Virginia. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Salisbury, of which he was one of the organizers. He is a local preacher of the church and for twenty years was superintendent of the Sunday school, and in all church affairs an earnest worker. He is a Republican.

Mr. Meager married, June 29, 1865, Charlotte Truscott, born January 25, 1846, in England, and they were the parents of the following children: Josephine, born December 2, 1866, died February 10, 1881; she was their only English-born child; Martha, born September 29, 1869, wife of William McMurdo; Lydia Diamond, born August 29, 1871, wife of H. C. Shaw; Bessie, born August 24, 1873, died September 1, 1873; John Howard, see forward; Lottie, born April 28, 1879, at home; William, born May 8, 1881, died August 20, 1881; Charles, born February 12, 1884, died August 20, 1902; and William (2), born October 30, 1889, died January, 1900.

John Howard Meager, son of John and Charlotte (Truscott) Meager, was born May 24, 1875, at Frostburg, Maryland, and was a child when the family moved to Salisbury, where he obtained his education in the public schools. At the age of eleven years he went to work in the mines as driver boy, and worked there for eleven years. During four years he was trackman in the mines and since January 20, 1903, has held the position of mine foreman. He belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men of Salisbury, and is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Salisbury, of which he is trustee and steward.

Mr. Meager married, December 22, 1898, Dorothy A., daughter of P. M. Connor, of Salisbury, and they have two children: Hazel and Elizabeth.

JOHN LOCHRIE.

John Lochrie, of Windber, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, who has large interests in the oil fields of California, and in timber lands in Georgia and South Carolina, is a coal operator and general superintendent of mines for the W. K. Niver Coal Company, at Macdonaldton, Somerset county. He was born in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1861, is the son of Neil and Janet Provan Lochrie, and grandson of John Lochrie, who was born in Ireland, in the county of Antrim. He was by trade a gunsmith. He died in 1836, and shortly after his death his widow removed to Glasgow, Scotland, where she reared her family. She died about 1855.

Neil Lochrie, father of John Lochrie, came to the United States in 1864, and enlisted in the army, during the Civil war. At the close of the war he returned to Scotland, where he remained for fourteen years. On his return to this country he settled at Houtzdale, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in mining until he retired from active life. He married Miss Janet Provan, of an old Scotch family, about the year 1858, and of this marriage twelve children were born, seven daughters and five sons, viz.: Agnes, born 1859, married John Forsyth; they live in Windber and have had nine children; John, see forward; Martha, born 1863, married William Winning; they live in Pittsburg and have nine children; Neil, born 1865, died at the age of two years; Janet, born 1867, married Ralph Henderson; they have four children and live in Macdonaldton; Matilda, born 1868, married Edgar Laney; they have six children, and live at Garrett; Robert, born 1869, married Mary Rowland; they live in Boswell; Thomas, born 1871, married Hannah Estep; they have two children and live in Windber; Mary, born 1872, married Thomas Boyd, of West Virginia, and they have eight children; Jennie, born 1873, married Edward Loyd; they have three children and live in Windber; Jamima, born 1875, married Charles Estep; they have one child and their home is in Macdonaldton; Hugh, born 1880, unmarried, lives in Windber.

John Lochrie engaged in mining as soon as he was old enough to enter the mines, and soon after becoming of age was promoted to the position of mine foreman. Later he became a mine superintendent, then general mine superintendent, in the duties of which responsible position he is now engaged, in connection with his other extensive successful business operations. He is a Republican in politics, and in church connections a Presbyterian. Mr. Lochrie married, in 1883, Miss Matilda Wakefield, daughter of William and Fanny (Mills) Wakefield, of Staffordshire, England. The ceremony was performed in Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Lochrie having crossed the ocean for the purpose. Nine children were the issue of this marriage, viz.: Fanny M., born in Brisbin, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1884, married Harry Kenney, of Conemaugh, and they have two children, Rose Matilda, born March 6, 1904; John Francis, born April 25, 1906; Jannette, born in Houtzdale, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1886; Matilda, born in Houtzdale, December 26, 1887; Gilbert Neil, born in Columbus, Ohio, February 7, 1890; Minnie May, born in Graceton, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1892; William Albert, born in Graceton, April 11, 1894; Martha E., born in Graceton, September 20, 1895; John H., born in Graceton, August 27, 1897; Rufus Hugh, born in Scalp Level, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1899. His first wife died April 23, 1900, and Mr. Lochrie married Miss Kathleen McNamara, and two children have been born to them: Kathleen P., born at Windber, June 29, 1903; Thomas Clair, born in Windber, August 29, 1905.

CHARLES W. KURTZ.

The history of Confluence would in a manner be incomplete without a biography of the late Henry Kurtz, who, although dead since May 25, 1904, is not forgotten. For over twenty years his name was identified with every improvement in the town of his adoption, and although retired from active business pursuits at the time of his death, he left a vacancy in the town that can never be filled. He was born near Denver, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1836, where he spent his younger days on a farm. Like many farmer boys, being dissatisfied with his surroundings, he resolved to start out for himself and battle with the world. With no capital but his indomitable energy and perseverance and the strict integrity that characterized his course through life, he left the paternal home, with a determination to surmount every obstacle in his path, and in this determination he was very successful. November 26, 1857, he married Miss Albina Winters, of the same county. To this marriage was born eight children, of whom the following are now living: Mrs. Clara Zeigler, of Frederick City, Maryland; Mrs. Fanny Moon, of Confluence; Charles W., of Confluence; Harvey, of Confluence; Mrs. Rose Beal, of Meyersdale; Harry, of Weston, West Virginia; one child died in childhood; and William, for many years a prosperous business man of Confluence, died February 2, 1900. Henry Kurtz's first wife died February 6, 1875. He married (second), October 21, 1880, Miss Rebecca Miller, in Juniata county, to whom were born seven children, of whom two died in childhood and John died at Confluence, July 17, 1902. The surviving children of this marriage are Mrs. Katie Crow, who resides in the state of Ohio, and Winfield, Francis and Miss Daisy Belle, who reside in Confluence.

Mr. Kurtz engaged at one time in the iron ore business, but on account of the competition of the Lake Superior ore this venture was not a very successful one. He also engaged in the lumber business, at which he was very successful. In 1882 he moved to Ursina, where he resided until 1883, when he removed to Confluence, where he resided permanently until the time of his death with the exception of a year which he spent in Atlantic City, New Jersey, for the benefit of his health.

He established a planing mill in Confluence that gave employment to a number of employes. He also established the first electric light plant in Somerset county, when it was counted to be a hazardous undertaking. He built many houses in Confluence, and also established a water plant. During his business career of forty years his word was always as good as a bond. In the lumber business, he purchased the first circular sawmill he ever saw, as his business intuition convinced him that it was the only system.

He was an ideal citizen, kind and generous, a kind father and loving husband, a true friend, a generous and indulgent landlord, a pure and noble hearted man, respected by all conditions of men. He always lived up to the Golden Rule and did unto others as he would be done by. His life was a true exemplification of the "good Samaritan," and he always showed during his long and useful life by his deeds that he believed in no demarcation, but considered all belonging to the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He came of pioneer stock, being descended from one of three brothers who came from Germany in 1747, settling in Berks county.

CHARLES W. KURTZ.

Charles W. Kurtz, a son of the late Henry Kurtz, was born at Roxbury, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1869, and attended school at Carlisle, Cumberland county, until his twelfth year, when he started to work in his father's sawmill and remained in this position until his eighteenth year, when he took a contract of sawing lumber for his father. When twenty-two years old, he bought a sawmill and started into the lumber business, which business he followed continuously until his twenty-ninth year, when he leased the Confluence planing mill and electric light plant, and after three years bought the plant which he successfully conducted, adding to the business the addition of all kinds of building material, including brick, cement and everything required in building. During this time he did quite a business in contracting, erecting several fine buildings, besides a large number of smaller ones.

The crowning business of his life so far has been the installation of a water plant in Confluence, an undertaking that has greatly benefited the town and enhanced the value of property in that town. The Citizens' Water Company, which he inaugurated and successfully carried through, is one of the finest plants of its kind in this county; it was completed and water turned on November 4, 1904. The following notice from "The Meyersdale Commercial" at that time shows the energy and perseverance shown by him in the undertaking:

"The citizens of Confluence were most fortunate in having entrusted this, to them, most important undertaking to Mr. Kurtz, he being a quiet, determined man, who knew no such word as fail, and in the work of organizing the Citizens' Water Company and installing the plant, he had not only the courage of his convictions, but also to overcome all and every obstacle; for instance, he gave the borough a bond of $2,500 and in addition to this, to forfeit his franchise and all work done and material furnished in the borough, if not completed within six months. He fulfilled all this with seven weeks to spare, showing that while he understood the magnitude of the undertaking, at the same time, he showed his judgment in knowing that the work could be done within the stipulated time."

He bought the historical Tom Ream mill and homestead at Draketown, and fitted up the house and grounds with all modern conveniences, and here he spends his summers in looking after the water works and engaging in light farming.

MICHAEL KNECHT.

Michael Knecht, a business man of West Salisbury, is a grandson of George Knecht, a native of Germany, whose son, Laurentz Knecht, was born September 3, 1813, in Bavaria, and in March, 1837, emigrated to the United States, settling in Baltimore, Maryland. He married Elizabeth Trice, also a native of Germany, and their children were: Michael, see forward; Adam, Catherine, Elizabeth, Otilla and Dorothy. Laurentz Knecht was a cooper and in America was prominently connected with C. and O. canal. Died in 1874, aged fifty-six; his wife died in 1885, aged seventy-four.

Michael Knecht, son of Laurentz and Elizabeth (Trice) Knecht, was born January 18, 1838, in Baltimore, and was an infant when his parents moved to Accident, Garrett county, Maryland. He attended the public schools of that place until he was eight years old, when the family moved to Kaiser's Ridge, on the National Pike, after which his school-days were very few. Here his father owned and operated a distillery. He was employed at mining and learned the blacksmiths' trade at Lonaconing, Maryland, commencing at the age of sixteen and is master of his trade. Until 1879 he was engaged in farming at Kaiser's Ridge, and then went to work in a blacksmiths' shop at Grantsville. In 1880 he moved to West Salisbury and went into business for himself as a blacksmith. In 1883 he became engaged in the sawmill business, and in 1892 went into lumbering, living in and near Salisbury. He bought out the old Salisbury foundry and moved to West Salisbury, where he is now in business. The firm name is M. Knecht and Sons. They are manufacturers and dealers in machinery; mine, and mill supplies and heavy forging and casting of all kinds. The shops are located at West Salisbury. They do all kinds of repairs on lumbering and mining machinery, and since 1895 two of his sons have been in partnership with him. For ten months he filled the office of justice of the peace by appointment. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Knecht married in Cumberland, Maryland, June 8, 1868, Mary A., daughter of Isaac Daniels, of Accident, Maryland, and the following are their children: Elizabeth, deceased; John A., in partnership with his father; William Martin, also in partnership with his father; he is interested in the breeding of blooded stock and possesses two very fine specimens of highly bred horses, Harry Hontas and Colonel Salisbury. He married Alice Bevans, and their children are: Helen Marguerite, Joanna Marie, Bernadine, Ruth Elizabeth, Eugene Gerald, deceased; Sarah Catherine, wife of Robert Branther and mother of Joseph M. Branther; Joseph Adam, married Margaret Sloan; George F., married Ollie Spicher, and they have one child, Michael Knecht; Gertrude; Henry Francis. The family are all connected with the Roman Catholic church, and the sons are Democrats.

JAMES A. JONES.

As his name indicates, James A. Jones, of Somerset, is the descendant of Welsh ancestors. Isaac Jones was born in Wales and emigrated to the United States not less than sixty years ago, settling in Cambria county, Pennsylvania. His wife was Nancy Decker.

James A. Jones, son of Isaac and Nancy (Decker) Jones, was born November 25, 1848, in Cambria City, Cambria county, and received his education in the common schools of Westmoreland county. In 1864 he left school, being then sixteen years of age, and enlisted in Company B, First Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and after serving his full term returned to his home, which was at New Florence, Westmoreland county. After four years he went west and lived there fourteen years, four of which were spent in Nebraska and Kansas. At the end of fourteen years he returned to the east and took up his abode in Somerset county, where he purchased the foundry which he now owns and operates, manufacturing stoves and all kinds of castings. In the sphere of politics he adheres to the Republican party, to which he uniformly lends the aid of his vote and personal influence.

AUGUSTUS TAYMAN.

Augustus Tayman, deceased, who was an esteemed resident of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Berlin, September 1, 1856, the son of Augustus Tayman, and was of German origin. His father was a native of Germany, and came to this country when a young man, settling in Pennsylvania.

Augustus Tayman obtained his educational training in the public schools of his native place, and immediately after leaving the schoolroom turned his attention to the trade of carpenter. For several years he was engaged at this trade, in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. In politics he was a lifelong Democrat, and deeply interested in the progress and advancement of that organization. He married Mary E. Yutzey, born December 6, 1863, in Somerset county, near Berlin, a daughter of Simon and Lydia (Ringler) Yutzey. Her maternal grandfather, Solomon Ringler, was a native of Somerset county, and a farmer by occupation. Her father, Simon Yutzey, was born in Somerset county, was a farmer and a carpenter. He married Lydia Ringler in 1860, and by that union children were born as follows: William, Mary E. (Mrs. Tayman); Joshua, Alice and Lizzie. Mr. and Mrs. Tayman have one child, L. Pearl, born January 22, 1885.

H. CHARLES MATTHIAS.

H. Charles Matthias, a representative business man of Rockwood, was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1875, a son of William and Rachel (Gallagher) Matthias, grandson of John Matthias, and a descendant of a family of German extraction. John Matthias (grandfather) was a native of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and was by trade a gunsmith. William Matthias (father) was also a native of Huntingdon county, and was a carpenter and contractor by trade. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, namely: Minton, H. Charles, Clinton, Joseph, Albert, Blaine, Bruce and Ray Matthias.

H. Charles Matthias received his education in the common schools adjacent to his home, completing the same at the age of fifteen years. After serving three or four years apprenticeship at the trade of blacksmith in his native county, he went to Pittsburg and there secured employment as a journeyman, remaining for a short period of time. He next located in Moorhead, Minnesota, where he worked at his trade for eighteen months, and at the expiration of this time returned to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and for the following three years was engaged there. In 1903 he took up his residence in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and there established a blacksmithing business, being also a dealer in all kinds of wagons. He is a man of energy and enterprise, honorable and conscientious, and therefore merits the success which has attended his efforts. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Matthias married, December 18, 1901, Nettie Mangle, born November 16, 1874, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Shoners) Mangle, and granddaughter of David Mangle, a native of Germany. John Mangle, who was a native of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and a farmer by occupation, was the father of six children, as follows: Grace, Nettie (Mrs. H. Charles Matthias), Howard, Harvey, Mary and Esther Mangle. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthias, Helen, September 14, 1903.

JOHN C. F. MILLER.

John C. F. Miller, postmaster of Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, former justice of the peace, and a man of prominence and considerable influence in his town, is a descendant of a family which was among the pioneer settlers of this country, having emigrated from Germany. Daniel Miller, grandfather of John C. F. Miller, was a resident of this country, and followed the occupation of farming. Daniel D. Miller, son of Daniel Miller, was born in Summit township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1815. He followed in his father's footsteps as a farmer and was very successful. He married Mary Miller, born in Summit township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1817, and they had ten children: Cyrus, born June 27, 1837; Joseph D., March 29, 1839; Samuel, March 20, 1841, deceased; William, deceased; Daniel, deceased; Susan, October, 1844; Ephraim D., May 9, 1847; Mary, November 6, 1853; John C. F., see forward; Milton B., October 31, 1858, married Emma Surber, of Nebraska, and they have four children.

John C. F. Miller, seventh son and ninth child of Daniel D. and Mary (Miller) Miller, was born May 3, 1856, in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Through his own efforts he educated himself, and at the age of eighteen was well qualified to teach and began as teacher in the common schools and subsequently in the graded school and was two terms principal of the graded school and wound up his career with eighteen consecutive years of teaching. As a teacher he was considerate, progressive and popular. He then entered upon his business career, accepting a position as clerk in the store of Miller Brothers, and worked there for about six years. He then received his appointment as postmaster and filled a term of four and a half years, until Cleveland was elected president. He was then elected justice of the peace for five years, resigning his office, however, in order to enter again upon the duties of postmaster, a position to which he had been appointed by President McKinley. He was at first a postmaster of the fourth class, but in January, 1903, he was advanced to that of third class. At that time he was appointed by President Roosevelt for a further term of four years. He has always discharged the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of all concerned in the matter, paying the strictest attention to all the numerous details. He is methodical, observant, and possessed of sound business judgment. In politics he has always affiliated with the Republican party. He is a member of Somerset Lodge, No. 358, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Miller married, December 30, 1888, Louisa Miller, born April 15, 1861, in Milford township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jones H. and Susan (Baker) Miller.

ROSS SECHLER.

Ross Sechler, of Keim, is a grandson of Daniel Sechler, a native of Germany, who emigrated to the United States. He married and was the father of six children: Henry; Andrew; Joseph, see forward; Elizabeth; Mary; and Sarah.

Joseph Sechler, son of Daniel Sechler, was born in Milford township and was a farmer and cooper. He married Ellen, daughter of Joshua Rhoads, of Milford township, and their family consisted of the following children: Daniel, deceased; Mary; Ross, see forward; Joshua; Marcellus; and Charles.

Ross Sechler, son of Joseph and Ellen (Rhoads) Sechler, was born August 7, 1851, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, where he attended the public schools until the age of twenty-one. He found employment with different farmers in his native township until 1873, when he went to Keim and was there employed for two years on the farm of Jerry Folk. In 1876 he bought a farm in the neighborhood, on which he lived until March, 1903, and then purchased the old Folk Farm, on which he had worked when he first came to Keim. He has served three terms as supervisor and six terms as school director, which office he still holds. He is a Republican and a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Sechler married, in 1874, Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Folk, of Elk Lick township, and they were the parents of the following children: Calvin, Ellen, Charles J., William H., Jacob I., and Sadie E. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Sechler married Mrs. Catharine (Folk) Livengood, daughter of Jacob Folk and sister of his first wife. On being again left a widower he married Amanda, daughter of Peter Camp, of Garrett county, Maryland. By the second and third marriages there were no children.

GEORGE H. TRENT.

George H. Trent, a farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born October 30, 1862, a son of William and Margaret (Reitz) Trent, and grandson of ——— Trent, who was a native of Somerset county and a farmer by occupation. William Trent was also a farmer of this county and married Miss Margaret Reitz, who was of German parentage.

George H. Trent received his education in the common schools of Somerset county, and, leaving school at the age of sixteen years, engaged in teaming and farming. He is now one of the leading farmers in the county and owns a very fine home, which he built, in Listie, Pennsylvania, in 1904, about eight rods from the depot, which consists of eleven rooms, supplied with all modern improvements, hot and cold water, etc. His farm, a short distance from the town, is a highly cultivated and improved one. August 25, 1882, George H. Trent was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Shultzman, who was born July 4, 1864, in Somerset county. Three children were born of this union, viz: Carrie, May 2, 1884; Fannie, September 20, 1898; and Lottie, April 2, 1902.

EDWARD F. CUSTER.

Edward F. Custer, of Stoystown, is a grandson of Henry Custer, who was a native of Somerset county and a farmer. He married Anna Hart, and their son, Jonas Custer, was born in Somerset county, and, like his father, devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. Politically he was a Republican.

Mr. Custer married a Miss Kimmel, a native of Somerset county, and their children were: Anna, wife of ——— Menser; Ida B.; Mary G.; William H.; and Edward F., mentioned hereinafter.

Edward F. Custer, son of Jonas Custer, was born November 8, 1871, in Somerset township, where he received his education in the common schools. At the age of fifteen he left school, and until his twenty-eighth year was engaged in farming with his father. He then built the Hotel Leslie, which he conducted for thirteen months and then sold the property to Mr. Bloom. For one year thereafter he carried on a lime and coal business and then moved to Stoystown, where he purchased Spangler's livery business, which he has since successfully conducted.

Mr. Custer married, June, 1899, Victoria Matthews, and they are the parents of one child, Harold B., born December 8, 1900.

Mrs. Custer is a daughter of W. S. Matthews, a native of West Virginia and a farmer. His wife was Jane Aumor, and their family consisted of the following children: Victoria, born August 15, 1877, in West Virginia, wife of Edward F. Custer; Benjamin E.; Bruce; and Arthur.

WILLIAM S. STONER.

William S. Stoner, of Stoystown Station, is a son of D. H. Stoner, a native of Clinton county, and now proprietor of a store at Mill Hall in that county. He also holds the office of postmaster of the place. Mr. Stoner married Margaret, born in Clinton county, daughter of Smith and Jane (Coffery) Marshall, and the following children were born to them: William S., mentioned hereinafter; Harriet; Roy M.; Clarence; Jane; and Belle.

William S. Stoner, son of D. H. and Margaret (Marshall) Stoner, was born April 2, 1881, at Mill Hall, Clinton county, and received his education in the common schools of his native county. While attending school he learned telegraphy, and such good use did he make of his time and opportunities that he is now employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company as general agent at Stoystown Station.

FRANK W. LIVENGOOD.

Frank W. Livengood, of Gebhart, comes of German ancestry and is presumably descended from the Rev. Peter Livengood, a native of the Fatherland, who emigrated to Pennsylvania about the middle of the eighteenth century and settled, after some removals, in Elk Lick township, where Jacob S. Livengood, probably a descendant, was born and led the life of a farmer. Archibald Livengood, son of Jacob S. Livengood, was born in 1843 in Elk Lick township, and, like his father, has passed his life in devotion to agricultural pursuits. He married Sarah Snyder, born in 1854 in Elk Lick township, and the following children were born to them: Lloyd; Alice; Anna Mae; Vestie; Frank W., see forward; Charles; Carrie; and Sadie.

Frank W. Livengood, son of Archibald and Sarah (Snyder) Livengood, was born December 20, 1884, in Milford township, and received his education in the common schools of his native place. At the age of nineteen he left school and engaged for a time in farming and mining. In March, 1903, he purchased the general store at Gebhart, which he has since conducted, also keeping the postoffice.

JACOB N. WALTER.

Jacob N. Walter, of Gebhart, is a son of Jacob Walter, who was born in Milford township and was the descendant of German ancestors. He was all his life engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Walter married Margaret Snyder, and their family consisted of the following children: John; Allen; Joshua; Sarah; Jason; William; Charles; Cyrus; Pearl; George; Emma; Ella; and Jacob N., see forward.

Jacob N. Walter, son of Jacob and Margaret (Snyder) Walter, was born January 5, 1856, in Milford township, and received his education in the common schools of Westmoreland county, which he attended until attaining his majority. He then engaged in farming, which he has made his lifework, devoting to it his best efforts and achieving a fair measure of success. Mr. Walter married, December 20, 1884, Annie Tayman, and they are the parents of three children: Ralph H., born February 13, 1886; James H., born July 11, 1888; and Wilber J., born July 15, 1903. Mrs. Walter is a daughter of Augustus Tayman, who was born in Berlin, Germany, and when twenty-four years old emigrated to the United States. He married Charlotte Ulmburg, and their children were: George; Samuel; Henry; Augustus; William; Elmer; and Anna, wife of Jacob N. Walter.

GUSTAVUS J. WASSEEN.

Gustavus J. Wasseen, of Seanor, was born November 7, 1867, at Blekan Ostre, Switzerland, and in 1885 emigrated to the United States, settling in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in mining and later opened a store. In 1900 he moved to Windber, where he continued for a time in mercantile business, but finally sold out and built a hotel at Foustwell, of which he has been the proprietor since 1903. He affiliates with Blue Lodge, No. 538, Free and Accepted Masons, of Johnstown; with the Scottish Rite Masons, Pittsburg Valley Lodge, and with the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of Mystic Shrine. He is a Republican and a Lutheran. Mr. Wasseen married, in 1892, Sophia Lienhart, and they have one child, Martha, born June 11, 1900.

Mrs. Wasseen is a great-granddaughter of John Lienhart, who came from Switzerland, 1818, and made his home in Philadelphia, afterward moving to a farm a short distance from the city. In 1821 he accompanied his son to Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying at the great age of one hundred and one years.

John Lienhart, son of John Lienhart, the emigrant, was born in 1800, in Switzerland, and was living in the town of Books when, at the age of eighteen, he accompanied his father to the United States. For a number of years he was engaged in the stamping of cloth in Philadelphia, and then moved to Liberty, Tioga county, where he bought a farm, on which he lived for the remainder of his days. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. Mr. Lienhart married Sophia Herring, of Reading, and they were the parents of the following children: Julia; John; Mary; Charles A., see forward; Lydia; Diana; Casper; Sophia; and Sarah.

Charles A. Lienhart, son of John and Sophia (Herring) Lienhart, was born April 4, 1837, in Tioga county, and was engaged in the lumber business there and in Clinton county until 1899. The following year he established a wholesale liquor business in Cross Forks, Clinton county, which he conducted for two years and then retired. From 1876 to 1880 he was postmaster at Stewarton, and served several terms as supervisor and school director of Lydia township, Clinton county. He belongs to Renovo Lodge, F. and A. M., of Renovo, Pennsylvania, and is a Republican and a Lutheran. Mr. Lienhart married Elmira G., daughter of Moses Robinson, and their children were: Helen, born November, 1864; William, born in 1866; Edith, born in 1868; Sophia, born May 9, 1871, wife of Gustavus J. Wasseen; Emma, born in 1872; Grace, born in 1873; Cyrena, born in 1874; Maggie, born in 1876; Leopold, born in 1878; and Fibra, born in 1880.

ROBERT AUGUSTINE.

Robert Augustine, of Somerfield, was born November 26, 1856, in Addison, son of Abraham Augustine, one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Addison township. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church of Addison. Abraham Augustine married Katharine, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Wilhelm, of Addison township, and they were the parents of two daughters: 1. Caroline, wife of J. W. Fessler, Lutheran minister of Manorville, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, has three children: Lillie Loy Augustine, wife of A. D. Campbell, of San Jose, California; Victor George, spent five years at the Lutheran College, Gettysburg, three years at the Theological Seminary, Chicago, and presided over the Lutheran church, San Jose, California, for eight years, then went to Leipsic, Germany, for further study, remaining four years, and is now Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Laws and president of Wittenberg College, Massillon, Ohio; Jo Isperiod, wife of Holmes Hileman, of Manorville. 2. Malinda, deceased, was the wife of William Roger, of St. Louis. Mrs. Augustine, mother of the two daughters mentioned above, died, and Mr. Augustine married Margaret, daughter of Henry and Sarah Long, of Addison, and the following children were born to them: Sophia, died at the age of one year and eight days; Catharine, wife of Dr. Thomas J. Jacobs, of Somerfield, has four children: Susie A., Robert A., Margaret and Thomas J., Jr.; Robert, of whom later; Susan, died May 27, 1899, was the wife of William Watson, president of First National Bank of Addison, had two children: Wilma, and Margaret; Ella; Julia. The two last named are at home with their mother, who resides in Addison. The death of Mr. Augustine occurred May 8, 1892.

Robert Augustine, son of Abraham and Margaret (Long) Augustine, was educated in the schools of Newberry and Somerfield and at the Addison Normal School. Like his father, he has devoted himself to agriculture and also to the raising of stock, in which he deals extensively. He is at the present time one of the commissioners of Somerset county. In the sphere of politics he affiliates with the Republicans. He is a member of the Lutheran church of Somerfield.

Mr. Augustine married, August 8, 1888, Alice Victoria, daughter of John H. and Anna (Barron) Myers, of Somerset, and they are the parents of the following children: Ray G., born August 11, 1889; Robert A., born February 16, 1891; Mary Maud, born September 22, 1894; Wilma La Rue, born February 8, 1898; Charles Mitchell, born May 26, 1900; and Myrian Myers, born November 6, 1903.

LLOYD CONIERS BOYER.

Lloyd Coniers Boyer, of Elk Lick, is a son of Oliver W. Boyer, who was born in 1829 in Hampshire county, Virginia, was brought up on a farm and followed the carpenter's trade. In 1843 he moved to Salisbury, and in 1862 was an enrolling officer of the seventy-third district. In 1875 he was elected county commissioner by the Republicans and has served one term as justice of the peace. Mr. Boyer married, about 1848, Isabel, daughter of Samuel Glotfelty, of Salisbury, and their children are: Lloyd Coniers, see forward; Ada C.; Milton; Samuel; Clara; Etta; and Anna.

Lloyd Coniers Boyer, son of Oliver W. and Isabel (Glotfelty) Boyer, was born February 16, 1850, at Salisbury, where he attended the public school until the age of seventeen. From childhood he lived with his grandfather, Samuel Glotfelty, under whose instruction he learned the blacksmith's trade. After finishing his apprenticeship he worked for his grandfather two years as a journeyman, and in 1873 the two formed a partnership under the firm name of S. Glotfelty & Company. This connection was maintained until 1883, when Mr. Glotfelty retired, selling out to Mr. Boyer, who has since conducted the business alone. He also deals in agricultural implements and vehicles and is a stockholder in the Salisbury National Bank. From 1872 to 1886 he served at different times as town councilman, making in all a period of ten years; for the same length of time held the office of borough treasurer; from 1887 to 1890 served as burgess; for three years was school director, and for one year secretary. Since 1891 he has been a notary public. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and is a Republican in politics. Since 1869 he has been a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Boyer married Sevilla, daughter of Casper Loechel, of Salisbury, and they have been the parents of the following children: Della May, wife of Professor C. E. Dickey, assistant county superintendent of Allegheny county; Hattie, deceased; Ernest S., married Ollie, daughter of W. H. Deeter, of Meyersdale; Mary, deceased; and Charlotte, at home.

JOHN LAUCHLAN MARTIN, M. D.

Dr. John Lauchlan Martin, of Markleton, was born July 29, 1878, at Princeton, Indiana, son of Daniel Cargill Martin and grandson of John Martin, who came with his wife from Ireland and settled on a farm in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, near Newcastle. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were the parents of five sons and two daughters, among the sons being George, Thomas, William, and Daniel Cargill, of whom later.

Daniel Cargill Martin, son of John Martin, was born at Newcastle and received his education at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, and Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. The training for his chosen profession was obtained at the Theological Seminary of Pittsburg. He is now pastor of the East End Reformed Presbyterian church of that city. Dr. Martin married Lucretia Mott, daughter of Lott and Anna (Roberts) Mackintosh, of Allegheny City, and the following children were born to them: Margaret Belle; Rachel Mary, wife of William C. Bond, of Pittsburg, has one child, William; Gertrude Jane, wife of Frederick Findley Rohrer, formerly of Harrisburg, now of Wilkinsburg, connected with the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company, of Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer have one child, Donald Frederick; John Lauchlan, of whom later; Donald Bruce; James Renwick Mackintosh; William Willard; Paul Mackintosh, who died in infancy.

John Lauchlan Martin, son of Daniel Cargill and Lucretia Mott (Mackintosh) Martin, was educated at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Subsequently he matriculated in the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, whence he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. On March 7, 1906, he took charge of the Markleton Sanitarium at Markleton. In the sphere of politics Dr. Martin is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church.

JACOB ALBRIGHT.

Jacob Albright, of Meyersdale, is the son of Frank Albright, who was born in 1816 in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and was a shoemaker by trade. His wife was Lydia Deal, and they were the parents of the following children: Hattie, Catharine, Mealie, all of whom are deceased; Peter; Jacob, mentioned hereinafter; Eliza; Fannie; and Leopold. The death of Mr. Albright, the father, occurred in 1897 at the good old age of eighty-one.

Jacob Albright, son of Frank and Lydia (Deal) Albright, was born January 27, 1848, in Somerset county, where he was educated in the common schools. At the age of seventeen he enlisted in Company D, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for three years or during the war, receiving his discharge April 8, 1865, the day before the surrender at Appomattox.

Mr. Albright married, in 1872, Dorothea, daughter of Jacob and Annie Weymer, and the following children have been born to them: Jacob F.; Henry E.; Hattie, deceased; Charles, also deceased; John; Minnie; Dorothea; and Ettie.

WILLIAM M. WALKER.

William M. Walker, a representative farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born in Stony Creek township, September 24, 1831, the son of M. and ——— (Musser) Walker and grandson of Jacob J. Walker, also a native of Somerset county and a farmer by occupation. Abraham Musser, maternal grandfather, was born in Somerset county and was a tanner by trade.

M. Walker, father of William M. Walker, was born in Garrett, Somerset county, and followed the occupation of a farmer all his active working life. He married Miss Musser.

William M. Walker acquired his education in the Somerset county common schools, and after leaving school turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he is now engaged. He conducts a farm in Somerset county, whither he removed from Stony Creek in 1903. He is a capable, industrious farmer and his farm is one of the most highly cultivated and improved in the county. In political affiliations Mr. Walker is a stanch Republican.

He married, December 27, 1874, Ada Dunmeyer, who was born March 1, 1856, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of the following named children: Charles O., born October 14, 1877; Orpha G., born November 3, 1885, and resides at home; and Mina R., born September 28, 1893, also lives at home with her parents.

BENTON YOUNKIN.

Benton Younkin, a practical and progressive farmer of Somerset county, residing at Rockwood, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a native of that county, born August 24, 1855, a descendant of a German ancestry.

David Younkin, father of Benton Younkin, was also a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, born in 1813. He learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed in connection with farming, and by giving close attention to these two lines of work was enabled to provide his family with a comfortable home. His wife, whose maiden name was Maria ————, born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, bore him nine children, as follows: Lucinda; Anna Elder; Gustave Evans, deceased; Elias P.; Louisa; Josephine; Fremont; Benton, mentioned hereinafter; and Allen, deceased.

Benton Younkin attended the common schools of Somerset county until twenty-one years of age, thus obtaining a practical knowledge of the rudimentary branches of study. During his early life he assisted his father in the manifold duties of the farm, thus gaining a clear insight into the details of farming, and later he continued along the same lines on his own account. He has been very successful in his undertaking, and his property is among the finest and most productive in the locality in which he resides. He served as district supervisor of Milford township for a number of years, performing his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Younkin married, January 30, 1883, Miss E. Witte, who was born in Millersburg, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1857, daughter of William and Martha (Ankney) Witte, who were the parents of six other children, namely: George; William; Edward; Silas; Martha; and Minerva. William Witte, father of Mrs. Younkin, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and was a prospector for coal. The ancestors of his family came from Germany at a very early day and settled in Somerset county, where their descendants are to be found at the present time. The following children were the issue of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Younkin: Elsie G., born in 1883, wife of George Moore, who is engaged in the lumber business; Tillie M., born April 3, 1885; David E., born July 3, 1890; Edward R., born September 14, 1892; ——— R., born May 16, 1897. The four latter named reside at home with their parents.

SIMON P. WEIMER.

Simon P. Weimer, of Rockwood, is a grandson of Henry Weimer, who in early life was a schoolmaster and later was engaged in shoemaking. His wife was ——— Stahl. Henry Weimer died in 1881 in Cambria county.

Jeremiah Weimer, son of Henry and ——— (Stahl) Weimer, was born December, 1827, in Brothers Valley township, and in 1853 moved to Milford township, settling on the George Phillipi farm. He had received a common school education and possessed a knowledge of the carpenter's trade, which he followed in connection with farming. His political affiliations were with the Republicans. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran church of New Centerville. Mr. Weimer married Elizabeth, born in 1826 in Middle Creek township, near Barron's church, daughter of George Barron, a farmer, who was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religious belief. Mr. and Mrs. Weimer were the parents of the following children: Austin, deceased; Simon P., see forward; Calvin B., of Los Angeles, California; Cora G., of Connellsville; Jeremiah A., merchant at Friedens, Pennsylvania; and Marcellus, deceased. Mr. Weimer died September, 1883, and his wife passed away in 1889. She was a member of the same church as her husband.

Simon P. Weimer, son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Barron) Weimer, was born August 14, 1852, at Barkley's Mills, Somerset county, and received a common school education. His occupation in life has been that of a farmer and stock-raiser. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Weimer married, March 4, 1875, Mary K. Countryman, and two children have been born to them: Nora G., born October 24, 1878, in Milford township, died January 10, 1890; and Edward J., born May 17, 1883, in Milford township. At the age of fifteen he went to learn the carpenter's trade and three years later engaged in business as a contractor and builder. In the spring of 1905 his father accepted him as a partner in the management of the farm, and he has since given his attention to agriculture. His boyhood was marked by a noteworthy incident. Having accidentally fallen into Glade run, which flows through his father's farm and was at that time somewhat swollen, his life was saved by a faithful dog, who plunged into the stream and brought him safe to shore, afterward returning for the boy's hat, which had been left floating in the water. It is not difficult to imagine the feelings of affection with which the dog was ever after regarded by the lad whose life he had saved. Mrs. Weimer is a daughter of Jacob B. and Lydia (Shaulis) Countryman, the latter the daughter of David Shaulis. Mr. Countryman's early years were spent in teaching and later he became a farmer. He served one term as high sheriff of Somerset county.

FRANK M. WEIMER.

Frank M. Weimer, a well known and highly respected resident of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born August 16, 1861, a son of Francis and Maria (Stahl) Weimer.

Frederick Weimer (grandfather) was born in Lower Turkeyfoot, Somerset county, in 1803, and was by trade a blacksmith, an occupation which he followed during his entire active working life. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations. He married Elizabeth Spiker and their children were: John, Frederick, Francis, Rosa and Elizabeth. His first wife died and he married for his second wife Polly Barron, and his third wife was Peggy Brew, who bore him two children: Emma and Amanda.

Francis Weimer (father) was born in 1833. He also followed the trade of blacksmith. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Maria Stahl, was born in 1831 in Berlin, Somerset county. Their children: Alice; Cyrus, deceased; Lottie; Frank M.; Mary; Alex; Nancy; William, deceased.

Frank M. Weimer obtained his education in the common schools of his native place and early in life commenced upon an independent career, learning the trade of blacksmith with his father, which he followed until 1899. He then sold out his blacksmithing business and purchased the farm of Daniel Colman, situated four miles east of Somerset, Pennsylvania. Mr. Weimer has achieved excellent success in his career as a farmer, and he affords an excellent example of what industry, perseverance and energy will do toward assisting one to reach a high degree of success. When he decided upon the career of a farmer he did not own a cent. He borrowed money to make his first payment on his purchase, and through his close application to duties was enabled to meet the succeeding payments when they fell due. In politics he has been a lifelong Democrat.

Frank M. Weimer married, September 8, 1885, Miss Emma J. Colman, born February 6, 1864, in Somerset county, and who died June 12, 1903. Their children: Walter, born February 21, 1888; Robert, June 29, 1891; Isabel, October 29, 1892; Julia, September 8, 1893; Jennie, October 29, 1897, died March 12, 1899; and Franklin, August 12, 1901, died September 12, 1901.

HARRY E. BAUMAN.

Harry E. Bauman, a representative business man of Somerset, Pennsylvania, is a descendant of a family of Swiss origin. The line of ancestry is traced through John Bauman (great-grandfather), who devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits; to William Bauman (grandfather), who was born in Berkley Mills, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and was a carpenter and barn builder by trade; to A. W. Bauman (father), a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, born January 27, 1858, who is now engaged in the brokerage business in Somerset. He is a Republican in politics. He married, November 16, 1877, Mary Bittner, daughter of Josiah and Christina (Lepley) Bittner, and their children are as follows: Eva G., wife of A. Colburn; William G.; Harry E.; and Edna P. Bauman.

Harry E. Bauman was born in Garrett, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1882. He attended the common schools of his native county, completing his studies at the age of sixteen, and then engaged in the bakery business, which he has followed ever since. He is the owner of one bakery and conducts two stores, carrying on a wholesale and retail trade, and in addition to the baking business he manufactures ice cream, which he also disposes of at wholesale and retail. He gives close attention to every detail, is thorough and painstaking in the preparation of his goods and, therefore, merits the success which has attended his efforts. Since attaining his majority he has cast his vote for the candidates of the Republican party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 387, of Somerset, also of the Modern Woodmen of the World. Mr. Bauman is unmarried.

CHARLES S. KIFER.

Charles S. Kifer, of Listie, who is now serving in the capacity of traveling salesman, is a native of the town in which he now resides, born May 10, 1870, a son of Michael and Mary (Saylor) Kifer, who were the parents of eight children. Michael Kifer (father) was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, attended the common schools adjacent to his home, and is a Republican in politics. His wife, Mary (Saylor) Kifer, was a daughter of Samuel and Caroline Saylor.

Charles S. Kifer attended the common schools of Somerset until fourteen years of age, thereby acquiring a practical education, which qualified him for the active duties and responsibilities of life. He then served an apprenticeship at the trade of plumbing, becoming a thorough and expert workman, and followed the same for five years. The following six years he gave his entire time to agricultural pursuits, and at the expiration of this period of time engaged in the merchandise business in the town of Listie, disposing of the same after a period of two years. He then accepted a position as traveling salesman, in which capacity he is serving at the present time. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, to whom he has given his allegiance since attaining his majority.

On July 3, 1887, Mr. Kifer married Jennie Walker, who was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1871, daughter of Levi and Mary Z. (Eigler) Walker, natives of Somerset county, granddaughter of ——— Walker, also a native of Somerset county and a descendant of a German lineage. Both Levi Walker and his father followed farming as a means of livelihood and were Republicans in their political affiliations. Mr. and Mrs. Kifer were the parents of two children: Willard, born November 24, 1888, died December 10, 1899; and Stuart, born May 23, 1891, died December 2, 1899.

GEORGE W. SHAFFER.

George W. Shaffer, a prominent business man of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born March 3, 1863, a son of William and Elizabeth (Berkey) Shaffer. He is of German descent. His grandfather, Tobias Shaffer, was born near Stoystown, Somerset county; was a farmer by occupation and the owner of a coal mine.

William Shaffer (father) was born in 1837 in Somerset, Pennsylvania, and is a retired farmer. He served in the Civil war. His wife, Elizabeth Berkey, is a daughter of Henry Berkey, who was a farmer and a minister. William and Elizabeth (Berkey) Shaffer had children as follows: Harry, deceased; George W., see forward; Carrie; Anna; Lucy, deceased; Hattie W.; Charles, deceased; Frank, deceased; William, deceased; Albert; and James. Of these children, Carrie, the second child and eldest daughter, married W. P. Rifer.

George W. Shaffer obtained his educational training in the common schools of Somerset, and at the early age of sixteen started out to make his own way in the world. He was engaged with his father in farming and in the conduct of a coal mine until he was twenty-eight years of age. He then learned the trade of mason and plasterer, and after some time spent at this occupation with the firm of Laws & Snyder he formed a partnership with Harry Pile, and together they established themselves in business in Somerset. Both of these men are thorough, capable business men, and their business is a successful and profitable one.

George W. Shaffer married, April 9, 1889, Miss Elmira Stull, born January 1, 1872, in Shanksville, Somerset county, the daughter of Edward and Carrie (Groft) Stull. She is the granddaughter of Harry Stull, who was born in Stoystown and was the proprietor of a hotel there for eight years, and was for forty-seven years so engaged in Shanksville. Edward Stull (father) was born July 27, 1851, in Berlin, and was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Carrie Groft, was born April 16, 1852, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Lebsier) Groft. Edward and Carrie (Groft) Stull had children as follows: Elmira (Mrs. Shaffer); Rose; Mabel; Anna; Vida; Daisy; Albert; Orange; Harry. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Shaffer are the parents of one child, Maud K., born May 7, 1890, in Somerset, and now resides at home with her parents.

JOHN A. WOY.

The Woy family, represented in the present generation by John A. Woy, Listie, is of German origin. John A. Woy was born in Quemahoning, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1836, son of John and Sarah (Keifer) Woy, and grandson of Henry Woy, who was a native of Somerset township, Somerset county, was a farmer by occupation and a Democrat in politics.

John Woy (father), also a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was a shingle-shaver by trade, and by giving careful attention to same was enabled to provide a comfortable home for his family. By his marriage to Sarah Keifer the following named children were born: Elizabeth; Henry, who died May 15, 1905; Mary; Nancy; John A., see forward; Charles; George; Sallie, deceased; and Catherine.

John A. Woy received his education in the common schools of Somerset county, completing his studies at the age of fifteen years. He then gave his attention to farming for a few years, after which he served an apprenticeship at the trade of stonemason, and for several years thereafter followed that occupation. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served for three years and one month, participating in the principal battles and engagements. He returned to his home in Quemahoning township, where he has since resided, and by giving close attention to all his business affairs and by hard work and good management has secured for himself a comfortable home. His political views are Republican.

Mr. Woy married, August 20, 1869, Rachel Smith, born 1836, daughter of Henry and Rebecca Smith, and the issue of this union was four children: Anna; Maggie; George, deceased; and Luther. Mrs. Woy, the mother of these children, passed away June 23, 1888. Mr. Woy married, June 29, 1893, Frances Shoffer, daughter of Jacob and Maria (Davies) Shoffer, and one child was the issue, Emma, born June 12, 1894. Jacob Shoffer, a descendant of a German ancestry, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was a farmer by occupation, and he and his wife were the parents of eleven children: Margaret, deceased; George, deceased; Henry; Amanda, deceased; Frank, deceased; Jane, deceased; Harriet; Marie; Simon; Francis; and James, deceased.

JAMES BIRKEY.

The ancestors of James Birkey, of Davidsville, were among the early settlers of Jenner township. His great-grandfather, Samuel Birkey, was born about 1780 in that part of Bedford county which is now included within the limits of Somerset county, and was the son of a German, the founder of the Birkey family in this country. Samuel Birkey was a farmer of Jenner township, and also owned and operated a distillery, as did many other farmers of that day and generation. He married and he and his wife were the parents of a large family.

Elijah Birkey, son of Samuel Birkey, was born about 1810 in Jenner township, where he passed his life on the farm on which he was born. He was a Republican and a member of the Dunkard church. Mr. Birkey married Nancy, daughter of Jonathan Miller, and the following children were born to them: Samuel E., deceased; Mary, wife of ——— Gardner; Joshua, married ——— Blough; Rachel, wife of ——— Blough; John; Lavina, wife of ——— Thomas; and two who died in early life.

Samuel E. Birkey, son of Elijah and Nancy (Miller) Birkey, was born in 1836 in Jenner township and was a carpenter, working at his trade among the farmers of Somerset county. At different times he was the owner of several small farms. For one term he served as school director of Quemahoning township. He was a Republican. For twenty years he held the office of deacon in the Dunkard church, in which he was an earnest worker. He married, in 1861, Mary, daughter of Tobias Blough, of Quemahoning township, and their children were: James, see forward; Elijah, married Maggie

Boyts, had six children: Earl, Bertha, Millard, John, Robert and Margaret; Lucy, wife of ——— Slick, has five children: Chester, Mary, Frank, Anna and Martha; Maria, died at the age of eleven years; Freeman, died at the age of five years; Joseph, died in childhood; John, also died in childhood; Ira, at home. Three others died, unnamed. The death of Mr. Birkey occurred in 1897.

James Birkey, son of Samuel E. and Mary (Blough) Birkey, was born in 1862 in Jenner township. He went to the far west and was in the Klondike in 1897-98, where for eight months he was engaged in mining for gold. During this period he spent two months in traveling with dogs from Skagway to Dawson City over the Chilcoote pass. In 1898 he returned to Oregon and for two years was employed in Stratton's Independent mines. He then went to Bisbee, Oregon, where for eight months he worked in the Copper Queen mines, and in 1903 returned home. Shortly after he went, in the interest of some Johnstown people, to the mining district of Mexico. On his return he settled in Davidsville, where he has since led the life of a farmer. He is now serving as constable of Conemaugh township. He affiliates with Western Oregon Lodge, No. 65, F. and A. M., and is a Republican in politics. Mr. Birkey married, in 1903, Maggie Boyts, widow of Elijah Birkey, and they have one child, Harold, born October 1, 1904.

FRANKLIN L. LIENHARDT.

Franklin L. Lienhardt, of Hooversville, at the age of nineteen became clerk in a wholesale house, where he remained three years. He then went to Cross Park, Clinton county, and went into a new line of business, holding the position of manager of the Sanbaugh House of that place. In April, 1903, he moved to Seanor, Somerset county, and for a short time conducted a poolroom. He then entered the service of G. J. Wasseen, with whom he remained until October, 1904, when he opened the Grand Central Hotel, of Hooversville, and is still the proprietor of this establishment. He is a Republican and a supporter of the Lutheran church. Mr. Lienhardt married, November 24, 1903, Sada Harshburger, and they are the parents of two children: Theodore L., born May 25, 1904; and an infant, unnamed.

Mrs. Lienhardt traces her descent, on the maternal side, from Frederick Foust, born about 1761, and in 1823 migrated from York county to Johnstown. He was a miller by trade, and from Johnstown moved to what is now Foustwell, where for several years he operated the Foustwell Mills. He then moved to Westmoreland county and thence to Indiana county, where he passed the remainder of his life. In his youth he served in the Revolutionary army. He was a Whig and a member of the Lutheran church. His name indicates his German extraction. He had two brothers, John and Balser, and four sisters, Catherine, wife of David Shaffer; Eve, wife of ——— Oaks; Susanna, wife of ——— Oaks; and Elizabeth, wife of ——— Berkebile. The death of Mr. Foust occurred in 1847.

Henry Foust, son of Frederick Foust, was born in 1813 in York county, and was ten years old when his father moved to Somerset county. He purchased of David Livingston the mill which the latter had erected at Foustwell and which was the first mill in Paint township. This structure Mr. Foust rebuilt in 1853 and operated it as long as he lived. He served his township in various offices, and until middle life was a Whig, afterward becoming a Republican. He was a member of the Mennonite church. Mr. Foust married Eve, daughter of David Livingston, and they were the parents of eight children, of whom the following grew to maturity: Samuel, see forward; Elizabeth, wife of ——— Berkey; Sarah, wife of ——— Myers; Henry, married a Miss Miller; and Louisa, wife of ——— Hamlet. Mr. Foust died in 1875.

Samuel Foust, son of Henry and Eve (Livingston) Foust, was born December 21, 1838, and in 1862 became the owner and operator of the gristmill at Foustwell which had been built by his father. Since 1902 he has been engaged in mercantile business. In 1892 he received the appointment of postmaster, which he still holds. His political affiliations are with the Republicans and he is a member of the Mennonite church. He married, March 16, 1862, Lydia Huffman, of Scalp, and their children were: Louisa, born May 29, 1863, married ——— Hershberger, and the following are their children: Sada L., wife of Franklin L. Lienhardt, Carrie E., and Rebecca and Lydia, twins; Albert, born February 14, 1866, married Margaret Myers, and has one child, Clyde; Ida, born May 26, 1869, wife of W. W. Wine, has six children: Harvey, Samuel, Lacey, Alberta, Stewart and Rose; Matilda, wife of ——— Luedne, has six children: Harry, Iva, Sala, Lizzie, Lydia, and Charles. Eve Cevillia, wife of ——— Holsopple, has five children: Clyde, Cellia, Ray, Merel, and Iva. Emma, born February 16, 1882, shot by a jealous suitor, who immediately committed suicide.

NELSON MOSSHOLDER.

Nelson Mossholder, of Listie, was born in Stony Creek, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1856, son of ——— and Louisa (Spangler) Mossholder, natives of Somerset county, the former named an enterprising and successful farmer and a Republican in his political views. Their family con-

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sists of nine children, among whom were: Amanda; Emma; Isaac; Nelson; Samuel; Sarah; and George Mossholder. Samuel Snyder Mossholder, grandfather of Nelson Mossholder, was born in Somerset county, followed agricultural pursuits and cast his vote for the candidates of the Republican party.

After completing a common school education, at the age of nineteen years, Nelson Mossholder learned the trades of stonemason and bricklayer, which line of work he followed successfully for a number of years. In 1892 he purchased a farm, and the greater part of his time and attention since then has been devoted to its cultivation and improvement. He is a Republican in his political opinions and a staunch and highly respected citizen of his native township. Mr. Mossholder was united in marriage on April 30, 1876, to Hannah Weimer, born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1853, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Snyder) Weimer, and the issue of this union was eight children: John W.; Samuel; Effie; William; Amanda; Josiah; Lorinda; and Marie Mossholder.

CHARLES FISHER COOK.

Charles Fisher Cook, register of wills and clerk of the Orphans' court of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born at Cook's Mills, Bedford county, June 8, 1869, a son of Jonas M. and Emma S. (Stutzman) Cook, and grandson of Jesse Cook. This family originally came from Lancaster county.

Jonas M. Cook was for about thirty-five years the senior member of the firm of Cook & Beerits, wholesale and retail grocers of Somerset. In early life he was a teacher in the county schools. He is still interested in educational affairs and was for twenty-one years a school director. He served in the Civil war in Company F, Sixty-first Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in many of the hard fought battles of the war with the Army of the Potomac. He has always been a stanch Republican in politics and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, voting with the soldiers in camp. In his religious affiliations he is a member of the Christian church, at which he has been an attendant for thirty-four years, and has served as deacon of same. He is now living a retired life, having relinquished active business pursuits in 1905.

Jonas M. Cook married Emma S. Stutzman in Somerset county and they are the parents of four sons and seven daughters, Charles F. being the eldest child. Mrs. Cook obtained her education in the county schools and at Millersburg Academy. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher in the public schools of Somerset. Her father, Joseph Stutzman, was the first county superintendent of public schools for Somerset county.

Charles F. Cook acquired his early intellectual training in the public schools of Somerset, and was a member of the first graduating class of the Somerset high school. He then took a course in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, there laying a good foundation for a future successful business career. When he was a boy of eight years he helped in his father's store on Saturdays and on other days after the dismissal of school. Later he engaged as a clerk in that store, and also spent sixteen months in the employ of James McKelvey, lumber dealer. November 1, 1893, he removed to Berlin and opened a grocery store there under the firm name of Charles F. Cook & Company. They made a specialty of maple sugar, handling a large part of the Brothers Valley and Stony Creek crop. They did a very large business in this line, amounting to from twenty-five thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand pounds of sugar annually. Mr. Cook introduced the modern method of making tub sugar in Somerset county, which was a great improvement over the methods formerly in use. Mr. Cook was for several years secretary of the Berlin Improvement Company, doing a general real estate and town improvement business.

In his political affiliations Mr. Cook is an ardent Republican and takes a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare and advancement of that organization. He cast his first vote for state officers in 1900. In making nominations he is strictly independent in thought and action, but when they are made he is always loyal to the party nominees. He was a member of the county committee and a delegate to the state convention that nominated William A. Stone for governor. In 1905 he was made the nominee of the Republican party for the office of register of wills and clerk of Orphans' court, to which office he was elected by a vote equal to that cast for all the opposing candidates. After his election he disposed of his business in Berlin and removed to Somerset in order to give all his time and energy to the duties of his office. During his residence in Berlin he was secretary and director of the Berlin Hospital for the treatment of non-contagious diseases and all surgical operations, for which the hospital was fully and finely equipped.

Fraternally he holds membership in the I. O. O. F., Berlin Lodge, No. 461; has served in all the offices in this lodge and is now past grand master; the Sons of Veterans, Camp W. E. Conrad, No. 118; the Junior Order of American Mechanics, Shanksville Council, No. 729; Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 7170, Berlin, in which he has held all the offices; the Royal Arcanum, Grandview Council, No. 2060, Berlin; Valley Grange at Beachdale; Pomona Grange, Somerset county, of which he was secretary; the Protected Home Circle at Garrett, Pennsylvania; and the West End Fire Company at Berlin. Although a member of many orders, he is most interested in the Sons of Veterans. He is a lover of martial music, and when a boy of sixteen became a member of the Somerset Sons of Veterans' Drum Corps, and with this organization attended many famous conventions and reunions. He has always been a lover of clean, manly sports, particularly of baseball, having been formerly a member of the Somerset Baseball Club. At the Somerset County Centennial he contested in the hundred-yard dash and took second prize. He is an excellent type of the American business man—honorable and upright in his business and home life, ready and anxious to assist any worthy business enterprise, and a warm friend and sympathizer with the young, both in their sports and their ambitions.

Mr. Cook married, June 8, 1893, Mollie B. Woy, of Somerset township, a daughter of Andrew and Catherine Woy. Her mother was a daughter of Jacob Walker and a sister of Josiah Walker, the sugar king of Somerset county. Andrew Woy was a farmer and served in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. One child, Emily Catherine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook, November 17, 1897.

JOHN J. KAUFMAN.

John J. Kaufman, of Davidsville, is a lineal descendant of Stephen Kaufman, who came from Switzerland in 1760 and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania. His son, Jacob Kaufman, was born in 1751 and was therefore nine years old at the time of the emigration of the family. In 1807 Jacob Kaufman came from Berks county to Somerset county and settled near Davidsville, on what is now known as the "Isaac Kaufman" farm. His wife, Catharine, bore him two children: Isaac, see forward; and Kate. Mr. Kaufman married (second) ——— Miller, by whom he became the father of the following children: Samuel, born June 15, 1808; Barbara, born November 10, 1809, wife of Christian Hochestler; Susan, born September 11, 1811, wife of Tobias T. Yoder; Sarah, born May 4, 1813, wife of Tobias W. Yoder; and Jacob M., born December 20, 1815, married Elizabeth Yoder. Jacob Kaufman, the father, died in 1844 at the great age of ninety-three.

Isaac Kaufman, son of Jacob and Catharine Kaufman, was born in 1806 in Berks county and was an infant when his parents moved to Somerset county. He was a farmer, and on the occasion of his marriage purchased two hundred and fifty acres of land, to which he made additions until he became the owner of sixteen hundred acres. This estate, which increased greatly in value, was subsequently divided among his heirs.

He was a member of the Amish church and an old-line Whig. He married, in 1829, Polly, daughter of John Lehman, and their children were: John I., see forward; Elizabeth, wife of Levi Yoder; Polly, wife of Tobias Miller; Jacob, married Christine Eash; Sarah, wife of Joseph Wingard; Susan, wife of John Shaffer; Tobias, married Caroline Lohr and, after her death, Amelia Lohr; Isaac, living in Ohio; Mary, wife of Daniel Huffman; Joseph, married Mary M. Myers and, after her death, Nancy Salo; Catharine, wife of Jacob Lohr; and David, married Lizzie J. Rinehart. The death of Mr. Kaufman occurred October 17, 1886.

John I. Kaufman, son of Isaac and Polly (Lehman) Kaufman, was born in 1830 in Conemaugh township and settled near Davidsville, where he led the life of a farmer. For several terms he served as assessor and collector of the township. During the Civil war he was twice drafted, the first time paying a fine of three hundred dollars and the second time furnishing a substitute. His action in the matter was determined by the objection to war, which forms part of the tenets of the Amish church, of which he was a member. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican. Mr. Kaufman married, in 1850, Margaret Wingard, and their family consisted of the following children: 1. Mary, born in 1852, wife of David Gilmer, has three children: Clara, Maggie and Hettie. 2. Jacob, born in 1854, married Catharine Blough and had children, three of whom died in childhood, and those who survived childhood were: Maggie; Crist, deceased; Norman; Amos; Harris. Catharine (Blough) Kaufman died June 22, 1889, and Mr. Kaufman subsequently married Carrie Blough, the issue of the marriage being one child, Vinnie. 3. Elizabeth, married Simon Layman. 4. John J., see forward. 5. Hettie, married Isaac S. Kaufman. 6. Levi, married Amanda Froner. 7. Isaac W., married Lucinda Blough. John I. Kaufman, father of these children, died July 22, 1880, and his widow, Margaret (Wingard) Kaufman, died June 11, 1891.

John J. Kaufman, son of John I. and Margaret (Wingard) Kaufman, was born April 20, 1858, and obtained his education in the common schools. In 1888 he purchased his father's farm near Davidsville, and has since given his attention to agriculture. On the land is a barn which was built in 1806 by Nicholas Keim, and is still in use and in a good state of preservation. He is a Republican and a member of the Mennonite church.

Mr. Kaufman married, in 1878, Malinda, daughter of Christian and Polly Blough, and the following are their children: 1. Jessie, born May 15, 1879, wife of John F. Hershberger, has two children, Annie and Irvin. 2. Hettie, born in

1881, wife of Amon Wingard, has two children, Minnie and an infant son. 3. Christian, born in 1883, killed by an accident, February 6, 1905. 4. Minnie, born November 12, 1885. 5. John, born February 19, 1893. The mother of these children died January 7, 1897, and on July 29, 1900, Mr. Kaufman married Sarah Layman, the issue of the marriage being three children: Paul, born June 29, 1901; Nannie M., born June 14, 1903; and a son, who died in infancy.

WILLIAM D. BERKEY.

William D. Berkey, of Davidsville, traces his descent from Jacob Berkey, who emigrated from Germany about 1775 and settled at Berlin, Somerset county. He and his wife were Seventh-Day Baptists. Jacob Berkey died about 1820.

Peter Berkey, one of the nineteen children of Jacob Berkey, was born in September, 1782, in Brothers Valley township, and on May 7, 1817, married Mrs. Elizabeth Fylock, born September, 1782. Their family consisted of the following children: Mary, born September 22, 1802; Jonathan, born November 22, 1804; Rachel, born August 15, 1805; Catharine, born November 5, 1806; Elizabeth, born March 1, 1808; Daniel, mentioned at length hereinafter; Susan, born December 15, 1811; Anna, born April 14, 1815; Peter, born May 7, 1817; Catharine (2), born September 19, 1820; Joseph, born December 10, 1822; and Sarah, born June 8, 1826. Mr. and Mrs. Berkey were Seventh-Day Baptists.

Daniel Berkey, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Fylock) Berkey, was born January 15, 1810, and during the greater portion of his life was engaged in farming. About 1867 he moved to Indiana, where he passed the remainder of his life. For many years he was an old-line Whig, but later became a Republican. He was a member of the German Baptist church until his removal to Indiana, when he joined the old order of Brethren. His death occurred in 1896.

Daniel Berkey, son of Daniel Berkey mentioned above, was born in 1833 in Paint township and settled on a farm near old Astala, on which he passed the remainder of his life. He served as school director and also as treasurer of the board. He was a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church. Mr. Berkey married Caroline, daughter of Jacob Bicker, and they were the parents of the following children: 1. Ephraim, married ——— Hostetler. 2. Levi, married Harriet Sears, has one child. 3. Jacob, married Levina Baumgardner, by whom he had four children, and after whose death he married the widow of Christian Rice. 4. William D., mentioned at length hereinafter. 5 Mary, wife of Samuel Weaver, has nine children. 6. Lavina, wife of Jacob Knadle. 7. Sarah, wife of E. Miller, has three children. 8. Fannie. 9. David. 10. Lucy. 11. Daniel, died at the age of seven years. The death of Mr. Berkey, which occurred when he was sixty-three years old, was caused by his being tortured by robbers, a full account of the tragedy being given on another page. His daughter Lucy died from the effects of an injury received at the same time.

William D. Berkey, son of Daniel and Caroline (Bicker) Berkey, was born April 17, 1859, in Paint township, and began his career as an agriculturist on the Kifer farm, two miles from Northwest Elon, Cambria county, Pennsylvania. He subsequently sold the estate and purchased property in Paint township, where he remained three years. At the end of that time he disposed of the property to the B. & W. Coal Company. In 1898 he moved to Davidsville and there purchased a portion of the John Kaufman farm, on which he has since made his home. He is a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church.

Mr. Berkey married, October 29, 1882, Fannie, daughter of Gillers Seese, of Paint township, and the following are their children: Harry W., born March 31, 1885; Morris E., born March 2, 1887; Nettie M., born May 11, 1889; Frank N., born July 29, 1891; Elberta, born January 20, 1894; Irvin W., born May 26, 1897; Annie, born February 19, 1901; and Mary, born March 11, 1903.

WILLIAM J. VICKROY.

William J. Vickroy, of Windber, is a descendant of Hugh Vickroy, who came from England about the middle of the eighteenth century and settled in Maryland. He married an American girl and they were the parents of the following children: Thomas, mentioned at length hereinafter; Nathan, born October 14, 1761; George, born July 12, 1763; Solomon, born August 12, 1764; William, born May 30, 1768; and Dorothy, the only daughter.

Thomas Vickroy, son of Hugh Vickroy, was born October 18, 1756, in Cecil county, Maryland. In 1772 he went to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where he learned surveying under Thomas Smith, and was employed by George Wood and other deputy surveyors. In 1773 he laid out the city of Pittsburg to the satisfaction of all concerned. In 1812 he built Shade Furnace, and afterward operated it for a number of years. About 1784 he was appointed deputy state surveyor, an office which he held for a long period. He served with the rank of commissary in General Clark's Indiana campaign. Mr. Vickroy married Elizabeth Williams, and their children were: Joseph, born January 22, 1780; Mary, born October 14, 1783; Elizabeth, born

November 4, 178—; Sarah, born April 29, 1791; and Thomas, born December 28, 1792. Mrs. Vickroy died, and Mr. Vickroy married (second) Sarah Atlee, who bore him the following children: William, born January 28, 1798, became a physician; Hettie, born September 22, 1799; E. A., born March 8, 1801, deceased; Charlotte, born January 26, 1803; Julianna B., born March 16, 1804; Louisa, born March 5, 1806, died in infancy; Harriet, born December 8, 1807; Caroline, born March 10, 1812; Charles, born January 20, 1814; Mary J., born March 22, 1816; Matilda, born January 28, 1818; Louisa, born May 20, 1819; and George W., mentioned at length hereinafter. Mr. Vickroy died in 1845, at Alum Bank, Bedford county.

George W. Vickroy, son of Thomas and Sarah (Atlee) Vickroy, was born February 24, 1822, and received a common school education. For a number of years he was engaged in mercantile business in Bedford county. At his father's death he inherited part of the homestead, and since 1853 has been devoted to farming. In the sphere of politics he identifies himself with the Republicans. He is a believer in the doctrines of Emmanuel Swedenborg. Mr. Vockroy married, in 1846, Julia, daughter of John McDonald, and their family consisted of the following children: 1. Laura E., born in 1847, wife of George W. Blackburn, has three children. 2. Charles, born in 1849, married Elizabeth Walter, and has eight children. 3. William J., mentioned at length hereinafter. 4. Lavina, born in 1855, wife of Wilson W. Miller. 5. Kate, born in 1857, married Ross Barefoot, had two children and died February 22, 1884. 6. Cornelia, born in 1859, wife of H. M. Barefoot, has five children. 7. U. S. Grant, born in 1864, died March 14, 1884. 8. Elizabeth, born in 1866, wife of Ira J. McClellan, has six children.

William J. Vickroy, son of George W. and Julia (McDonald) Vickroy, was born August —, 1851, and obtained his education in the schools of Bedford county.

He was instructed in surveying by his uncle, E. A. Vickroy, and for six years held the office of county surveyor. In 1894 he moved to Windber, and for four years has been borough engineer, working in this and the adjoining county. Mr. Vickroy's business career has been marked by a very singular and memorable coincidence. On June 16, 1901, while running a line with his sons in Ogle township, he discovered by his charts that his grandfather had run the same line on the same day of the month, one hundred and seven years before. Mr. Vickroy is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

He married, October 30, 1878, Ann E., daughter of John W. Lekes, and they have been the parents of the following children: 1. Emma, born May 25, 1880, killed August 4, 1905, in an accident on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Coughmans Run. 2. George S., born January 22, 1882. 3. John H., born November 23, 1883, married, September 9, 1903, Gertrude, daughter of ——— Robinson, and has one child, Helen R. 4. Cornelia, born July 26, 1885. 5. Susan, born April 26, 1887. 6. Charles, born February 15, 1889. 7. Grace, born October 25, 1891. 8. Rose, born June 20, 1893. 9. Ruth, born July 4, 1898, died January 2, 1905. 10. Clara, born February 2, 1904.

ISAAC D. SHAFFER.

Isaac D. Shaffer, one of the most prominent and enterprising of the business men of Scalp Level, Pennsylvania, was born at Windber, February 2, 1854. His ancestral history will be found in the sketch of Josiah D. Shaffer, elsewhere in this work. His education was obtained in the public schools, and he settled on a farm near Windber, in 1879, where he still (1906) resides. He is a practical man of business, and possessed of sound judgment. He sold the coal under one hundred and ten acres of his land, in 1892, to A. F. Sayers, of the Wilmore Coal Company, and they opened a drift known as No. 31. In addition to cultivating his farm he is engaged in the dairy business, and for a number of years has furnished milk to the citizens of Windber. He has besides this a number of other business interests: Is stockholder and director in the Citizens' National Bank; director and stockholder in the Windber Building Association; director in the Johnstown and Shelp Electric Road Company; and has been president of the Solex Telephone Company for three years. He is a member of the German Baptist or Dunkard church, and was assessor of Paint township in 1898. He is a man of energy and intelligence, and is greatly esteemed by his fellow citizens.

He married, April 13, 1876, Susannah Weaver, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Weaver, and they had children: Milton W., born July 4, 1877, married Anna Faust, October, 1898, and has one child, Margaret, born August, 1899; Ida, born July 25, 1878, married, 1895, Milton Livingston, and has four children: Edna, born 1897, David, Byron and Franklin; Minerva, born April 6, 1882; Emma, born July 20, 1885, married Franklin Seese; Mary, born May 24, 1887; Rachel, born August 8, 1890; Arthur, born August 7, 1892; Elizabeth, born September 9, 1894, died January 10, 1895; William A., born May 6, 1896; Martha, born March 21, 1899.

WILLIAM PLATT.

William Platt, of Berlin, is a son of Frederick Platt, who was born in 1823 in Germany, where he received a good education and learned the cooper's trade. About 1847 he emigrated to the United States and worked in the factories of Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburg for some two years. He finally settled in Allegheny township, where he bought a farm, and for about fourten years worked at his trade. Thence he moved to Berlin, where he still resides. In 1864 he enlisted in a regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers and served until the close of the war. He is a Democrat in politics. In early life he was a Lutheran, but later joined the Dunkard church, of which his wife also is a member. Mr. Platt married, in 1854, Lena Huchhouse, also a native of Germany, and the following children were born to them: 1. William, mentioned at length hereinafter. 2. Elizabeth, wife of Levi Long, of Garrett, has three children. 3. Frederick, of Berlin, married Hannah Johnson, has four children. 4. Ellen, wife of Samuel Smith, of Somerset, has three children. 5. Matilda, wife of John Coughenour, of Berlin, has four children. 6. Rosa, wife of H. C. Hoppert, of Glen Savage, has three children. 7. Lydia, wife of Edward Imhoff, of Berlin, has one child.

William Platt, son of Frederick and Lena (Huchhouse) Platt, was born November 24, 1856, in Brothers Valley township, and in his youth was able to acquire but little education, his opportunities being limited to attendance for a short time at the schools of Stony Creek township. By his own efforts, however, he has repaired his early deficiencies. Up to the age of thirteen he worked for his father, and after that, until his marriage, for the Stony Creek farmers. In the spring of that year he purchased his present farm, consisting of ninety-two acres, which formed part of the old Schrock farm. It is mostly under cultivation, and has a sugar camp of four hundred and fifty vessels, also orchards, principally of apples. The farm is well stocked with a good grade of horses and cattle. Since buying the property Mr. Platt has rebuilt and enlarged both the house and barn and erected other necessary buildings, so that the improvements are now complete. He is a Republican and a member of the Dunkard church.

Mr. Platt married, January 26, 1880, Anna, born November 12, 1857, daughter of Jacob T. Schrock, and educated in the Walker public school. The children of the marriage were: 1. Sadie, born January 20, 1883, educated in the township schools, member of the Dunkard church, wife of Wesley Walker, farmer on Platt homestead. 2. Samuel, born May 15, 1884, farmer, member of Dunkard church. 3. Galen, born January 10, 1888, farmer, member of Dunkard church. 4. Jacob, born January 7, 1891, at home. 5. Linnie, born December 3, 1894. 6. Kate, born November 28, 1896. Mrs. Platt died October 3, 1901. She was a member of the Dunkard church.

GIDEON CHRISTIAN PETERSHEIM.

Gideon Christian Petersheim, of Elk Lick Springs, is a son of Christian Petersheim, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and in 1857 moved to Preston county, West Virginia, where he passed the remainder of his life as a farmer. Mr. Petersheim was twice married. His first wife was Barbara Miller, who bore him four children: Tobias; Lavina; Lydia; and Mary. Mrs. Petersheim died and Mr. Petersheim married Lydia, daughter of Jacob Harshberger, of Johnstown. By this marriage he became the father of the following children: Levi; Gideon Christian, mentioned at length hereinafter; Noah; Jonas; and Leo.

Gideon Christian Petersheim, son of Christian and Lydia (Harshberger) Petersheim, was born March 9, 1861, in Preston county, West Virginia, where he attended the public schools until the age of seventeen. Until attaining his majority he assisted his father in the labors of the homestead and then moved to Elk Lick, where he was employed by the farmers until 1899, when he bought the farm which is now his home. He is a Republican and a member of the Amish Mennonite church.

Mr. Petersheim married, September 19, 1901, Lydia, daughter of Urias Yoder, of Elk Lick, and they are the parents of two children, Anna and Catharine.

WILLIAM WAGNER.

William Wagner, of Elk Lick, is a grandson of William Wagner, who for many years followed his trade, which was that of a saddler. About 1800 he came from Adams county to Salisbury, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was the father of the following children: Jacob, mentioned at length hereinafter: Elijah; Peter; Baltzer; Henry; Philip; Charlotte: Sarah; and Julia A.

Jacob Wagner, son of William Wagner, was a stonemason by trade. He married Mary, daughter of Jacob De Haven, of Elk Lick township, and their children are: Malvina, wife of Abraham Greenawalt; Alfred, married Phœbe McFadden; Catharine, wife of Herman Ferner; Elizabeth, wife of Edward Richter; Peter; William, mentioned at length hereinafter; Joseph, married ——— Wright; Charlotte, wife of John McClavey; Harriet, wife of John Ringler; Lock, married Christina Matheny; and Jasper Newton.

William Wagner, son of Jacob and Mary (De Haven) Wagner, was born July 3, 1840, on the old farm in Elk Lick township, and received but few advantages of education, attending the public schools only about two weeks in each term until the age of fifteen. He was but thirteen when his father died, and from that time was obliged to aid in the support of the family by working on farms as a day laborer. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, and nine months later was discharged on account of physical disability. On his return home he learned the cooper's trade at Wymer's Grove and followed that calling until 1874, after which he was variously employed until 1877, when he went to West Virginia and there engaged in farming. At the end of a year he returned to his native county and for four years led the life of a farmer in Greenville township. He then bought the farm on which he has since made his home. He has served one term as supervisor, and is a Republican and a member of the Reformed church of Salisbury.

Mr. Wagner married, December 28, 1876, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Rimbold, of Greenville township, and the following children were born to them: Joseph; Alice; Marie; Jacob; Albert; and Martha. The mother of the family died September 10, 1889, and Mr. Wagner subsequently married Eliza, daughter of John Thompson, of Lavansville, the issue of this marriage being one child, John T. Wagner.

JEREMIAH STEVANUS.

Jeremiah Stevanus, of Springs, is descended from German ancestors. His grandfather, ——— Stevanus, was a native of the Fatherland, who emigrated to the United States about a century ago and settled in Elk Lick township. His son, John Stevanus, was born in that township in June, 1810, and there passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He married Anna Hershberger, of Elk Lick township, and their children were: Daniel; Samuel; Barbara; Anna; Sarah; Matilda; and Mary. Mrs. Stevanus died and Mr. Stevanus married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Yoder, to whom belongs the honor of having discovered coal in this region. By this marriage Mr. Stevanus became the father of the following children; Emmanuel; Jonas; Gabriel; Jeremiah, mentioned at length hereinafter; Eliza; Susan; Polly; Lizzie; and Lydia.

Jeremiah Stevanus, son of John and Elizabeth (Yoder) Stevanus, was born December 18, 1856, in Elk Lick township, where he attended the public schools until the age of twenty. Up to the time of attaining his majority he worked for his father and then rented a farm until 1885. In that year he purchased the farm on which he now lives. In addition to cultivating his land he operates a threshing machine and hay baler. For two years he held the office of clerk of the township, and he has also served four terms as auditor and one year as supervisor. He is a Republican and a member of the Mennonite church.

Mr. Stevanus married, December 28, 1877, Elizabeth, daughter of Jeremiah Hershberger, of Elk Lick township, and the following children have been born to them: Wilbur; Ann Jemima; Dennis; Sherman Grant; Howard Webster; Maude; and Ernest, deceased.

EDWARD BAUERMASTER.

Pennsylvania owes much of its prosperity and high standing in the Union to the habits of thrift and industry transplanted there and cultivated by the German emigrants. Especially is this so in agricultural districts, and among those who have done their share to bring about this result must be mentioned the family of Edward Bauermaster, owner of one of the finest and best stocked farms in Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

Elias Bauermaster, father of Edward Bauermaster and the founder of the Bauermaster family in America, was born in Germany about 1835. He came to America when but a youth and settled near Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer as well as a miner, and succeeded in amassing a comfortable fortune. Politically he was a Republican, and he was a member of the German Baptist church. He married Elizabeth Hershberger, born in Elk Lick township, where she was educated and became a member of the German Baptist church. Elias and Elizabeth Bauermaster were the parents of: 1. Jeremiah, died in infancy. 2. Ida, married Ross Lickly, a farmer of Thayer county, Nebraska. 3. Sarah, married Henry A. Poorbaugh, deceased. 4. Lydia, married Peter Yost, a farmer of Garrett county, Maryland. 5. Anna, who resides with her parents. 6. Susanna, died in childhood. 7. Elizabeth, died in childhood. 8. Edward, the subject of this sketch.

Edward Bauermaster, son of Elias and Elizabeth (Hershberger) Bauermaster, was born in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1865. He received his education in the public schools of his district, and upon completing his education he worked for a time in the mines. He left them, however, to engage in farming. He traveled about considerably looking for a suitable location, and finally, in 1897, decided upon his present farm in Brothers Valley, which he purchased, immediately began to improve and settled upon as a permanent home. It is one of the model farms of the vicinity, being two hundred acres in extent, well stocked with good horses and the finest breeds of cattle. It has also a large orchard and an extensive sugar camp. The most improved methods of farming are here applied practically, with the inevitable advantageous results. Although Mr. Bauermaster is a stanch Republican he has never had either time or inclination to hold public office. He and his family are members of the German Baptist church.

Mr. Bauermaster married, September 26, 1886, Missouri G. Lentz, born July 6, 1864, in Elk Lick township, where she was educated in the public schools, daughter of John and Anna Lentz. John Lentz was a farmer and a member of the Republican party. Anna Lentz died June 20, 1902. They were both members of the German Baptist church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bauermaster are: 1. Elizabeth B., born March 28, 1888. She was educated in the public and normal schools and has taught for the past two years in the schools of her native town and is still so employed. 2. Anna M., born April 17, 1889, educated in the public schools. 3. Claude R., born September 29, 1891. 4-5. Elsie G. and Ira C., twins, born August 11, 1894.

DOUGLAS J. ENGLE.

Douglas J. Engle, an enterprising and progressive agriculturist of Elk Lick, is a native of Greenville township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, born August 31, 1846. His paternal grandfather, Mortimer Engle, came from east of the mountains and settled in Elk Lick township. He was a teamster and followed that occupation many years. He met his death, while still a comparatively young man, by falling from a barn.

Jeremiah Engle, son of Mortimer Engle and father of Douglas Engle, was born in Elk Lick township, June 26, 1816. In early life he worked on the National road and later engaged in farming in Elk Lick, Greenville, Maryland, and Summit township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. He was a member of the Reformed church and a Democrat in politics. He married, in 1838, Christiana, daughter of James and Catherine (Baer) Boyd, and their children were: John; Josiah; Catherine; Douglas J.; Theodore; Nancy; Jonas; Chauncey; and Harvey. Jeremiah Engle died in 1871. His wife, Christiana (Boyd) Engle, died in 1893, aged eighty-six.

Douglas Engle, third son of Jeremiah and Christiana (Boyd) Engle, was reared on a farm and remained at home until reaching his majority. He worked in various capacities and for nine winters taught in the public schools. In 1874 he purchased his present farm, where he carries on a general farming business, and by dint of thrift, energy and perseverance derives a comfortable livelihood for himself and family. Mr Engle takes an active interest in the welfare of the community in which he resides and has been honored by his townsmen with election to offices of trust and responsibility, serving in the capacity of school director for six years and supervisor one year. He is a member of the Reformed church and a Democrat in political faith.

Mr. Engle married, October 30, 1870, Annie, daughter of

Samuel and Catherine (Musser) Folk, of Elk Lick. By this union eleven children have been born, as follows: Alice; Ephraim; Sadie; Florence; Calvin; Carrie; Mollie; George; Lester; Emma; and Ray.

EDWARD DURST.

The paternal ancestors of Edward Durst, of Elk Lick, were among the earliest settlers of Elk Lick township, his grandfather, John Durst, who was a native of Germany, having settled at Salisbury on land which is now the site of the residence of Samuel Beachy.

Solomon Durst, son of John Durst, was born in 1797, near Salisbury, and followed the calling of a farmer. He married Lydia, daughter of John Starner, of Turkeyfoot township, and the following were their children: Jeremiah; John; Michael; Catharine Ann; Samuel; Lucinda; Phineas; Dennis; Eliza; Edward, mentioned at length hereinafter; Charles; Sarah; and Jesse. Mr. Durst, the father, died in 1857.

Edward Durst, son of Solomon and Lydia (Starner) Durst, was born March 1, 1841, in Elk Lick township, where he attended the public schools until the age of fifteen. From that time he worked by the year on farms in his native township until October, 1862, when he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. The regiment was in no noted engagements, but participated in a number of skirmishes in North Carolina, where it was stationed during the greater portion of Mr. Durst's term of service, which ended in August, 1863, when he was mustered out at Harrisburg. After his discharge he went to Stark county, Ohio, where he was employed by farmers for three years and a half, thence moved to Garrett county, Maryland, and there, in company with his brother Samuel, operated a sawmill until 1871. In that year he went to Salisbury and there established a planing mill, which he operated for fifteen years in company with his brother Samuel and Abraham Koplin. In 1886 they sold out to Frank Baer, of Greenville township, since which time Mr. Durst has been engaged in farming and in the practice of the carpenter's trade. His political principles are those advocated and upheld by the Republican party, and he is a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Durst is unmarried.

JOHN CALVIN LIPHART.

John Calvin Liphart, of Casselman, was born January 14, 1875, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, son of Moses Liphart and grandson of John Liphart, who was born in Germany, and after emigrating to this country became a farmer of Upper Turkeyfoot township. He was a Democrat and a member of the United Brethren church.

John Liphart married Elizabeth Snyder, of New Lexington, and five children were born to them, among them a son, Moses, of whom later. John Liphart died June, 1899, and the death of his wife occurred 18—.

Moses Liphart, son of John and Elizabeth (Snyder) Liphart, was born November 17, 1848, and, like his father, was a farmer of Upper Turkeyfoot township as a young man, and has always continued to follow the same calling in the same place. He votes with the Democrats and is a member of the United Brethren church. Mr. Liphart married, 1873, Johanna, daughter of Daniel and Susan Swarner, of Middle Creek township, and their children were: 1. John Calvin, of whom later. 2. Daniel, died 1884. 3. Annie, wife of William Wertz, of Summit township; three children, Florence, Harry and ———. 4. William, married Edith, daughter of J. J. Kimmell, of Berlin. 5. Susan, wife of Simon Enos, of Upper Turkeyfoot township. 6. Ross.

John Calvin Liphart, son of Moses and Johanna (Swarner) Liphart, received his education in the common schools of his native township, and after completing his course of study taught in those schools for five terms. During several years he was engaged in farming, and has now for eight years successfully conducted a general store at Casselman, and at the same time devoting part of his time and attention to the lumber business. He has filled the offices of burgess, assessor and school director of Casselman. In politics and religion he maintains the traditions of his family, adhering to the Democratic party and holding membership in the United Brethren church.

Mr. Liphart married, November 28, 1898, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Dull) Brougher, of Upper Turkeyfoot township, and they are the parents of one child, Olive, born February 15, 1904.

CHARLES R. McMILLAN.

During the many years that Mr. McMillan has been a resident of Listonburg, he has not only witnessed its progress, but he has also aided in its development, being a promoter of nearly every industry in the community. His life has been a busy and useful one; he has rightly valued every moment given him, and has thus gained a reputation for promptness in originating plans and dispatch in executing them.

John McMillan, great-grandfather of Charles R. McMillan, came to Somerset county from Dauphin county at an early date. and engaged in the tanning business on what is known now as the A. J. Case farm, at Fort Hill. He had no vats or leeches, and took large chestnut logs and made troughs in which to lime bait and tan his hides. He was probably the first tanner in Somerset county, and his great-grandson, Charles R. McMillan, whose name heads this sketch, is tanning at the present time (1906) on the old methods, being the last one to conduct business along those lines. John Kilpatrick McMillan, grandfather of Charles R. McMillan, married Mary Rush, and their son, Jehu McMillan, father of Charles R. McMillan, married Mary Ann Ream, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ream. Jehn McMillan was the first postmaster at Listonburg, appointed May 28, 1877.

Charles R. McMillan, born January 16, 1866, received a common school education, and his first occupation was that of school teacher, in which capacity he served for ten consecutive winters. Since then he has been engaged in various pursuits, in which he has achieved a well-merited degree of success. He has been a tanner, merchant, manufacturer of woolen goods with Jesse Liston, and through his instrumentality many business industries have been established along White's Creek, a beautiful mountain stream flowing rapidly; its headwaters are at the western base of Negro mountain, and it empties into the Castleman river near Harnedsville. In 1850 it was known as Jones' Mill Run, but between that year and 1856 the name was changed to White's Creek, the reason for this being that the Jones family, who resided where the town of Unamis now is, sold out to the White family. The first settlement at Listonburg was made about the year 1756, or near the time that General Braddock made his famous trip through this region.

Mr. McMillan has always taken an active interest in matters pertaining to the public welfare, especially along educational lines, and served one term of three years as school director. He was elected township clerk at the age of twenty-one, later was elected tax collector, and subsequently served as justice of the peace three terms, in all a period of fifteen years, discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. McMillan married Ida M. Augustine, who died several years ago, leaving two sons: Arthur Columbus and Paul Kilpatrick, both of whom are attending public school and progressing rapidly in their studies.

JESSE LISTON.

Jesse Liston, of Listonburg, was born August 3, 1839, in Addison township, son of Thomas Liston, who was born 1809 at Selbysport, Garrett county, Maryland, and came to Somerset county in order to take charge of the Cantner woolen factory, Somerset. Later he took charge of the Listonburg woolen mill, which he conducted for many years. His political principles were those indorsed by the Democratic party. He was in early life a member of the Presbyterian church, but subsequently united with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Thomas Liston married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Keller, of Somerset, and their children were: 1. Ellazana, died 1903, wife of George Wass, lumberman of Addison township; twelve children, all deceased, with the exception of Amanda and Laura; the former is the wife of Luther Lininger, of near Confluence, Fayette county; they have twelve children. 2. Juliana, wife of Alfred Mitchell, of Listonburg; seven children: John; Felicia; Bruce; Wallace; Edwin; Laura; and Albert. 3. Jeremiah, of Braddock, married Mary Coburn, who died, leaving three children, Milton, Frank and Emma; second wife, Emma Windner; five children: Albert; Mayne; Camille; Sadie (drowned when a child in the creek at Listonburg); and one who died unnamed. 4. Mary, wife of Alexander Van Horn; two children, Thomas and Adelia; Mr. Van Horn served during the Civil war in the Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, and was killed in the Peninsula; his widow married Otto Speelman; two children, Norval and Ellen. 5. Rachel, wife of Eli Burnworth, of Illinois; four children: Thomas; Jennie; Atha; and John. 6. Jesse, of whom later. 7. Simon, died 1901, married Salome Younkin; three children, Alice, Edward and Jennie. 8. Died unnamed. 9. Sarah Ellen, drowned at three years of age in the millpond at Listonburg. 10. Thomas, died at the age of one year. Mr. Liston, the father, died 1875.

Jesse Liston, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Keller) Liston, received his education in the common schools of his native township and at the old Somerset Academy. For forty-three years he conducted the woolen mills at Listonburg, being at the same time engaged in mercantile business. He has recently retired. During the Civil war he enlisted, September 22, 1862, in Company B, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, under Captain Hight, and participated in the following battles: Cherry Run; Williamsport, Maryland; Hedgesville, and many others, being wounded at the battle of Newmarket, Virginia. He was honorably discharged June 7, 1865. He is a Democrat and a member of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Liston married, September, 1870, Susan, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Ream) McMillan, of Addison township, and they have been the parents of two sons, Harry and Thomas, both deceased.

JEROME H. JUDY.

Jerome H. Judy, a prominent merchant of Garrett, Pennsylvania, was born on the home farm, two miles north of Garrett, May 14, 1853, son of Jonathan and Eve (Chressner) Judy, and grandson of Cornelius Judy, one of the early settlers of Brothers Valley township.

Jonathan Judy (father) was born in Brothers Valley township, and in connection with farming operated a sawmill, making from the trees of that region farm and house lumber. He was a member of the German Baptist church and a Republican in politics. The children of Jonathan and Eve (Chressner) Judy were: Jacob; Jerome H., of whom later; William; John; Cornelius, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Polly; Malinda; and Caroline. Jonathan Judy (father) died in 1899 and his wife in 1902.

Jerome H. Judy was reared on the farm and attended the township schools. He assisted with the labors of the farm and sawmill until attaining his majority, and in the meantime attended the Berlin Normal School and thus became qualified to teach, which occupation he followed for one term in the Brothers Valley school. The four years following his coming of age he worked around among the different farmers, and at the expiration of this period of time, 1879, served as clerk in the store of Frank Enos at Garrett. The following year he formed a partnership with his cousin, Samuel Judy, bought out the Enos store and business, and for four years conducted a general store under the firm name of J. H. & S. Judy. In 1884 Jerome H. Judy retired from the firm, selling out his interest. The firm owned timber land and a sawmill, and for the following year he was employed in that department. His next business move was the erection of a store building and residence in Garrett adjoining his former place of business, and in 1886 he opened there a general store. In 1890 he bought out the older store of Samuel Judy and combined the two stores under his own name, J. H. Judy. The store occupies the first floor of the whole block and is well stocked with all that is necessary in a general country store. The business is managed by his son, Frank E. In addition to this property, Mr. Judy is the owner of a farm near Garrett, which is in charge of his son, Albert B. Mr. Judy is treasurer of the Garrett Water Company and a director in the First National Bank of Garrett. He is interested in western mines and in the Somerset Pump Company, of Somerset, Pennsylvania. Mr. Judy was formerly a Democrat, but for the past four years has worked and voted with the Prohibitionists. He served the borough of Garrett in the capacity of councilman.

Mr. Judy married, July 1, 1880, Barbara, a native of Somerset county, daughter of William Burkholder, of Somerset county, and their children are: Frank E., manager of his father's store in Garrett; he married Missouri Peterman; Charles, who met a sad death in Garrett, April 14, 1891, by being crushed by a moving train on the Berlin branch, at six years of age; Albert B., works his father's farm near Garrett; William L., a student in Juniata College; Annie G.; Verta May, died in infancy; Richard J.; Harry A.

ALBERT L. LOWRY.

Albert L. Lowry, of Salisbury, was born April 5, 1859, on the old Lowry homestead, in Elk Lick township, son of George and Lucinda (Beachy) Lowry. The history of the Lowry family is given in the sketch of M. F. Lowry, which appears elsewhere in this work.

Albert L. Lowry was reared on the farm, acquiring his education in the common schools, and remained at home with his parents until he attained his majority. He worked at various occupations and finally found employment in a planing mill, where he acquired a knowledge of the carpenter's trade, which he has followed for about a quarter of a century. In 1886 he moved to Salisbury and purchased his present home. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Lowry married, August 12, 1883, Nancy E., born in Greenville township, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bitner) Garlets, and they are the parents of the following children: Addie Malissa; George Milton and William Herbert (twins); Lucinda Elizabeth; Robert Lincoln; and Mary Edna.

JOHN CUSTER.

The family of which John Custer, of Hooversville, is a representative was founded in this country by Paul Custer, who came from Holland about 1717 and took up his abode in New York. He was accompanied by his sister Mary, and the two, after remaining for a time in New York, moved to Philadelphia, where Mary Custer became the wife of Colonel Ball, of that city. Paul Custer subsequently settled in Lancaster county, where he died at an advanced age. His sister, Mrs. Ball, who had been for some years a childless widow, died before her brother.

John Custer, son of Paul Custer, was a soldier of the Revolution and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. He subsequently went from Lancaster county to Somerset county, taking with him his son, also John Custer.

Abraham Custer, son of John Custer, Jr., was born in 1796 in Somerset county and moved to Bedford county, where he devoted his attention to agriculture. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Custer married Angie Berket and their children were: Richard; Jacob; John; Daniel; Adaline; Eliza; Catharine; and William, see forward. Mr. Custer died in 1881, having spent his last years in the home of his son William.

William Custer, son of Abraham and Angie (Berket) Custer, was born in 1843 and began life as a laborer, but in 1897 purchased the farm on which he now lives. During the Civil war he served in the Union army, enlisting in 1863. In religious belief he is a Lutheran. Mr. Custer married, in 1866, Elizabeth Seese, and they were the parents of the following children; John, see forward; William; Mary; Ida; and Jessie.

John Custer, son of William and Elizabeth (Seese) Custer, was born February 28, 1867, in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, and for the last seven years has lived at Hooversville. He is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren church. Mr. Custer married Emma J., daughter of Samuel Wible, and they have two children: Daisy M., born February 15, 1893; and Harry O., December 5, 1900.

NORMAN D. SHAFFER.

Norman D. Shaffer, of Holsopple, is a grandson of John Shaffer, who was born about 1796 and for a number of years lived as a farmer in Conemaugh township, subsequently selling his property and moving to Paint township.

He married Catharine, daughter of John Custer, Jr., and granddaughter of John Custer, Sr., who came to Somerset county from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and had been a Revolutionary soldier, having been present at the battle of Bunker Hill. John Custer, Sr., was the son of Paul Custer, who came from Holland about 1710 and settled in New York. He was accompanied by his sister Mary, and after residing for a time in New York they moved to Philadelphia, where Mary Custer became the wife of Colonel Ball, of that city. Paul Custer died in Lancaster county at an advanced age, the death of his sister, Mrs. Ball, having occurred some time before. She had been for some years a widow without children.

David Shaffer, son of John and Catharine (Custer) Shaffer, was born January 27, 1828, and married Rachel, daughter of Isaac and Christina Holsopple. Among their children was Norman D., mentioned at length hereinafter. The death of Mr. Shaffer occurred October 7, 1902.

Norman D. Shaffer, son of David and Rachel (Holsopple) Shaffer, was born December 14, 1869, at Windber, and received a good common school education. When he was twenty years old he helped his father to make a home at Scalp Level, whither the family moved after leaving the farm. He moved from Paint township to Johnstown, where he was employed for a time in a sawmill belonging to the Cambria Steel Company. October 1, 1896, he came to Holsopple as manager, secretary and treasurer of the Farmers' Milling Company. January 15, 1903, the property of the company was destroyed by fire, and on May 1, 1903, Mr. Shaffer engaged in business for himself, opening a wholesale and retail flour and feed store and building a new mill. This enterprise he is still successfully conducting, also controlling a car lot distribution of flour, feed and grain at Johnstown. He has a half interest in the Petaria coal mine, situated at Holsopple, and is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Benson borough, also holding the position of secretary of the board of directors. In 1892 he served as tax collector and in 1899 was elected justice of the peace, being reelected in 1904. Since 1899 he has been a member of the school board. He is a Republican and a member of the United Brethren church.

Mr. Shaffer married Tillie Foust and they are the parents of three children: Nellie M., born January 3, 1893; Forrest C., October 13, 1894; and Mildred V., January 14, 1899.

FRANK B. WHITEMAN.

Frank B. Whiteman, of Holsopple borough, is a grandson of Levi Whiteman, a native of Philadelphia and the son of an Englishman who settled in that city and amassed a large fortune, buying a farm which is now included within the city limits.

John A. Whiteman, son of Levi Whiteman, was born in 1841 in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and in 1861 enlisted in the Nineteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, serving as a scout under command of General Carshey. At the expiration of his term, which was for three months, he reenlisted in the same regiment and became known in the service as the "black-horse scout." He participated in the battle of Bull Run and in a number of other engagements, being captured while on a scout and taken to Andersonville, where he was confined six months. At the end of that time the war was brought to a close and he received his liberty. After his return home he was for about fifteen years engaged in the lumber business in Mifflin county, and then entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. His labors led him into the southern states, where he met a Mr. Hill, the Confederate soldier who had captured him, and their acquaintance resulted in a warm friendship. Mr. Whiteman is now the pastor of a church at Burnt Cabin, Fulton county.

Mr. Whiteman married, in 1867, Barbara V. Murphy, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and their children were: 1. Harry L., born in 1869, married Mary Johnson, had three children. 2. Elmer W., born in 1870, married Bell Freeland, of Orange county, North Carolina; they have ten children: Nora; Andrew; Carl; Viola; Myrtle; Blanche; Mamie; George; and two who died in childhood. 3. Lloyd A., born in 1872, married Maggie Lun, has had five children: Ethel; Bessie; Lloyd; Wilber; and Albert, who died in infancy. 4. Frank B., see forward. 5. Arthur E., died in childhood. 6. Nina D., born

March 24, 1879, wife of George Williams, has one child, Virginia. 7. Roland J., born in 1881, married May Stiner, has one child.

Frank B. Whiteman, son of John A. and Barbara V. (Murphy) Whiteman, was born February 6, 1874, and served for three years as constable and also as a member of the police force of Hinman, Bradford county, Pennsylvania. For another three years he was on the police force of Garrett, Somerset county. In 1903 he was appointed state game and fish warden and later became chief of police in Holsopple. The latter office he intends to resign, having been reappointed state game and fish warden. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Whiteman married, August 1, 1897, Londie, daughter of J. O. Purbaugh, of Bedford county, and they are the parents of the following children: Malviria A., born April 9, 1898; Arthur L., February 14, 1900; and Frank O., May 21, 1902.

STEPHEN D. YODER.

Stephen D. Yoder, of Holsopple, is a grandson of Christian Yoder, who came from the Glades to Conemaugh township, where he purchased a farm which is still known as the "Christian Yoder farm." He was twice married and was the father of the following children: Jacob; Stephen; Tobias; Daniel, see forward; John; Valentine; Herman; Moses; Joseph; and Catharine.

Daniel Yoder, son of Christian Yoder, was born December 21, 1824, and passed his life as a farmer in Conemaugh township. His educational opportunities were limited to those afforded by the common schools of that day. He was a Republican and a member of the Amish church.

Mr. Yoder married Catharine, daughter of Christian Hostetler, and the following children were born to them: Christian; Moses; Josiah; Daniel; and Barber. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Yoder married Barbara, daughter of Samuel Kuffman, and by this union there were five children: Aaron, born November 18, 1862, married Amanda Hostetler; Noah, March 14, 1864, married Lydia Hostetler, has three children; Levi D., April 17, 1866, married Laura Eash, has five children; Stephen D., see forward; Samuel K., November 5, 1873. The death of Mr. Yoder occurred December, 1884.

Stephen D. Yoder, son of Daniel and Barbara (Kuffman) Yoder, was born August 3, 1868, and received his preparatory education in the common schools, passing thence to the college at Ada, Ohio. He has been for the last three years principal of one of the graded schools of Benson borough, having previously taught for seventeen terms in the public schools.

Politically he is a Republican. He is a minister of the Mennonite church, filling no fewer than six different appointments.

Mr. Yoder married, March 16, 1892, Christanna, daughter of Aaron Miller, and they are the parents of four children: Hattie M., born April 16, 1893; Glendora, August 25, 1897; Slater S., November 5, 1899; and Alretta, February 1, 1905.

CHARLES FRANKLIN UHL, JR.

Among the members of the Somerset county bar is Charles F. Uhl, Jr., whose ancestry is as follows:

(I) Conrad Uhl, a native of Germany, came to this country in 1753 and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania. Among his children was a son, Jacob.

(II) Jacob Uhl, son of Conrad Uhl, was born in Berks county in 1760, married Maria Cochenbach, and with her started for the western settlements, locating near what is now known as Wellersburg, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, although then a part of Bedford county. There he made a clearing for a farm, built one of the early wayside inns or taverns and operated a gristmill.

(III) Charles Uhl, son of Jacob (2) and Maria (Cochenbach) Uhl, was born on the homestead near Wellersburg in 1804, and lived there until his death in 1871, having succeeded his father in title to the farm and mill. He married Eliza Uhl, a daughter of John Uhl and wife, of the Maryland family of Uhls, there being no relationship existing between these families prior to this marriage. As a result of this union fourteen children were born, seven of whom lived beyond childhood, viz: John H.; William E.; Charles F.; Eli, deceased; George; Solomon, deceased; Mary Ann, intermarried with Levi Wilhelm, of Nachusa, Illinois.

(IV) Charles F. Uhl, son of Charles (3) and Eliza (Uhl) Uhl, was born on the Uhl homestead near Wellersburg in 1838, finished his education at the Somerset Academy and engaged in the mercantile business. He married Ann Eliza Allison, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Allison, of Cumberland, Maryland, to whom six children were born, viz: Harry A., deceased; Annie E., intermarried with John N. Snyder, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, the mother of three children, of whom two are living, John U. and Catharine U.; Elizabeth, deceased; Robert, deceased; William, deceased; Charles F., Jr., see forward.

(V) Charles F. Uhl, Jr., son of Charles F. (4) and Eliza (Allison) Uhl, was born in the borough of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1871. He obtained the rudiments of his education in the public schools of his home town, being faithful and persistent in his efforts to acquire knowledge. He was graduated from the high school and at once determined that he would train himself for the law. Placing himself under private tutors, he took up the study of such branches as would most assist him in the line of his chosen profession, supplementing this with a carefully selected course of reading. He was selected as a teacher in the high school of Somerset, and during the two years he served in that capacity was registered as a law student in the offices of Coffroth & Ruppel. Applying himself assiduously to the study of the law, he was admitted to practice in the several courts of Somerset county, January 22, 1895, and subsequently to practice before the appellate courts of his state. His talents, industry and the care with which he conducted what business fell to his hands has earned him a large clientage. While being a general practitioner, he has, in a sense, specialized the study of the law as it applies to real property and corporations. He has been engaged in several important criminal cases, but frankly admits that that branch of the practice does not appeal to him.

Politically Mr. Uhl is a Democrat, although in local and state matters he is more of a stickler for men than for party name. He has never held public office, being of the minority party. In 1904 he was given the district nomination for congress in the twenty-third Pennsylvania district, composed of the counties of Fayette, Greene and Somerset. He has served as chairman of the county committee, member of the state executive and of the state central committees of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is identified with the following societies: P. M. of Somerset Lodge, No. 358, F. and A. M.; member of Mt. Hebron Chapter, No. 272, R. A. M.; member of Johnstown Lodge, No. 175, B. P. O. E., and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Uhl married Miss Leah Katharine Krebs, daughter of Simon and Henrietta Krebs, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1901. They have two children, Simon K. and Henrietta. (See Krebs sketch.)

SIMON KREBS.

With the advent of Simon Krebs to Somerset, Pennsylvania, in 1892, and his organization of the Listie Mining and Manufacturing Company, of which he was the president, Somerset county was started on its wonderful mineral development. Prior to that time mining in the county was confined to the limited section underlaid with the big vein coal in the vicinity of Meyersdale, and that in a desultory manner. The small vein coal of the lower productive measures underlying the greater part of Somerset county was not regarded as valuable for commercial purposes, having been discredited as coal or mineral territory by the state geological survey. Under these conditions and impressions the vast mineral wealth of the county remained undeveloped.

Certain it is that the operation of the Listie Mining and Manufacturing Company at Listie, Pennsylvania, was the first company to develop extensive operations in the small vein coal and place it on the eastern markets. By reason of its steam producing, smithing and almost smokeless qualities it met with instant favor and had no superior in the market. The result of this was that capitalists turned their eyes toward Somerset county, bought large areas of coal, started operations, laid out new towns, and so numerous and extensive have these operations become that Somerset county, formerly an exclusively agricultural community, has become one of the greatest bituminous coal producing counties of the state. This change in conditions and material advancement is due to the venture of Simon Krebs, who, though a stranger in the county, had the courage to stake his all to prove that his judgment was superior to those who had compiled the geological survey, and that the condemnation of the coal of Somerset county was unwarranted.

Mr. Simon Krebs is of German parentage and the following gives ancestral line:

(I) Simon Krebs, the paternal grandfather of Simon Krebs, was born in Germany and remained in the Fatherland during his life, having died at the age of seventy-two years. He was a cooper by trade. He married Elizabeth Von Hogh, and to this worthy couple eight children were born—four of each sex.

(II) John Krebs, third son of Simon (1) and Elizabeth (Hogh) Krebs, was born in Germany in 1809. His early career was spent in his native land as an agriculturist. In 1855 he and his family came to America and settled in Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming the remainder of his life, dying in 1873. He married Catharine Scheid, of Germany, to whom five children were born, of whom Charles and Simon are living. Catharine Scheid Krebs died in 1905 at the age of ninety-five years.

(III) Simon Krebs, son of John (2) and Catharine (Scheid) Krebs, was born April 10, 1839, being the third son in a family of five children. Having been born in Germany, he had the advantage of the common schools there until he became fifteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania. In Tamaqua, where his parents located, he learned the carpenter trade and followed it for three years. In 1858 he went to California and engaged in mining and mercantile pursuits, with fair success, for six years. He returned to Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, and conducted a general merchandise store for four years, and in 1868 moved to Danville, Montour county, Pennsylvania, and was there regarded as one of the leading merchants during a period of over twenty years. During this period at Danville he also was profitably engaged in the iron trade. In 1892 Mr. Krebs came to Somerset county for the purposes of investigation and exploration of the coal deposits, and, satisfying himself of its quality and quantity, he organized the Listie Mining and Manufacturing Company, leased the property from the company and operated it until 1902, when he sold his interests in the company to the Somerset Coal Company. He is now living a retired life.

In the operation of the mining enterprise he has the cooperation and assistance of his two sons, George J. and Louis T. George J., a Cornell University man and a mining engineer, took active charge of the mining end of the company, while Louis T. looked after the office end as secretary and treasurer. Upon the sale to the Somerset Coal Company, George J. became superintendent of the Reading Iron Company's coal department in Somerset county. He is not married. Louis T. is president of the Krebs Lumber Company of West Virginia and makes his home at Morgantown, West Virginia. He married Louise, daughter of Samuel Huston and wife, of Morgantown, and they have one child, Louis T., Jr.

Simon Krebs is a good representative of a self-made man. He has rare business judgment and the courage of his convictions. In religion he is connected with the Reformed church. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, but a pronounced independent voter. He married, July 18, 1866, Henrietta Schwartz, of Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, who was the sixth of the seven children of Jacob and Leah (Lechlieter) Schwartz. To Mr. and Mrs. Simon Krebs have been born eight children, five of whom are living: Ada L., wife of C. P. Hancock, of Danville, Pennsylvania, and the mother of five children, viz: William, John, Robert, Charles and Walter; George J., single; Louis T., married Louise Huston, and they have one child, Louis T., Jr.; Clara M., intermarried with Clarence Wilson Thomas, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the mother of two children, George L. and Wilson K.; Leah K., wife of Charles F. Uhl, Jr., of Somerset, Pennsylvania, and mother of two children, viz, Simon K. and Henrietta.

WILLIAM HITECHEW.

William Hitechew, of Daley, is a great-grandson of Jacob Hiteshew (the original form of the family name), a native of Tawneytown, Maryland, where he was born about 1780. He subsequently became a farmer near Schellsburg, Bedford county, Pennsylvania. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, adhered to the Democratic party and was a member of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Hiteshew married, in 1813, Mary M.

Zambram, and their family consisted of the following children: William, born in 1815; Elizabeth, born in 1817; John, born in 1818; Jacob, born in 1820; Julia A., born in 1821; Abraham, born in 1822; Mary, born in 1824; Gideon, born in 1825; David T., mentioned at length hereinafter; and Susanna, born in 1829. The father of the family died about 1840.

David T. Hitechew, son of Jacob and Mary M. (Zambram) Hitechew, was born in 1827 in Bedford county and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some years. In 1861 he came to Shade township, where he has since engaged in farming and also in the lumber business. He affiliates with the Democratic party and is a member of the Evangelistic church. Mr. Hitechew married, June 10, 1848, Catharine Darr, who became the mother of the following children: Margaret, born April 27, 1849; William, born September 17, 1850; Ruth A., born April 9, 1852; John, born October 19, 1853; George, born October 6, 1855; Albert, mentioned at length hereinafter; Mary B., born November 15, 1858; Hester, born June 6, 1860; Sarah C., born January 9, 1862; and Jacob W., born June 9, 1865. After the death of Mrs. Hitechew, Mr. Hitechew married, on February 20, 1879, Sarah Fuller, the issue of the marriage being five children: Della, born December 23, 1881; Daisy; David H., born October 11, 1882; Thomas C., born February 28, 1886; and Levina G., born April 12, 1889.

Albert Hitechew, son of David T. and Catharine (Darr) Hitechew, was born March 10, 1857, and for three years was employed at the Cambria Iron Works. He was also engaged for some years in the agency business. In 1893 he moved to Shade township, where he has since given his attention to farming and to the lumber business. He is a Republican and a member of the Evangelistic church. Mr. Hitechew married Adeline, daughter of William Small, and the following are their children: 1. Maggie, born March 15, 1877, wife of Abram Wise, has six children. 2. William, mentioned at length hereinafter. 3. Lowman, born January 27, 1888. 4. Effie, born February 1, 1892. 5. Arthur, born April 4, 1894. Mrs. Hitechew died December 30, 1896, and Mr. Hitechew subsequently married Martha, daughter of Harrison Custer. There are two children by this marriage: Blanche, born April 12, 1900; and Ida, born April 8, 1903.

William Hitechew, son of Albert and Adeline (Small) Hitechew, was born at Daley, November 19, 1885, and graduated from the local normal school at New Bristol, Bedford county, also from the local normal school at Somerset. From these he passed to the Indiana State Normal School at Indiana, Pennsylvania, and in due time will graduate therefrom and enter either Harvard University or the University of Maryland (medical department), Baltimore, Maryland.

For four years he has been numbered among the educators of his native county, being principal of Ashtola school, 1906-07. He is a member of the Christian church.

MOSES K. JOHNS.

The family of which Moses K. Johns, of Hillsboro, is a representative was founded in this country by Joseph Johns, who was born November 8, 1749, and when a young man emigrated to the American colonies, settling in Berks county, Pennsylvania. The country of his birth was Switzerland, and it was in 1768 that he left his native mountains to seek a home across the sea. In 1793 he sold the farm on which he had hitherto lived in Berks county, and September 13 of the same year purchased the tract of land on which Johnstown now stands. It was then a forest of three hundred acres. He used the land for farming until it was demanded by the city for building purposes, and then moved to what is known as the Johns homestead, in Conemaugh township, where he passed the remainder of his life. Mr. Johns married Fannie Hally, of Berks county, and their children were: David; Joseph, mentioned at length hereinafter; Barbara; Vronie; and Sarah. The death of Mr. Johns occurred January 14, 1810, on his farm in Conemaugh township.

Joseph Johns, son of Joseph and Fannie (Hally) Johns, was born January 19, 1792, in Berlin, Bedford county, and about 1817 married Anna Blough, by whom he was the father of the following children: 1. Daniel, born August 20, 1819, married Polly Yoder and has three children. 2. Catharine, born November 1, 1820, wife of Samuel Shock, had three children. 3. Sarah, born November 22, 1822, married Joseph Thomas and had three children. 4. John, born in 1824, married Catharine Yoder and had seven children. 5. Joseph, mentioned at length hereinafter. 6. Annie, born May 13, 1831, wife of Samuel Yoder, had three children. 7. Christine, born February 11, 1834, married to Sem Kauffman, had seven children.

Joseph Johns, son of Joseph and Anna (Blough) Johns, was born June 14, 1826, and in 1850 settled on the homestead, to the cultivation of which he has since devoted his best energies. He has served several terms as supervisor and school director, is a Republican and a member of the Amish church. Mr. Johns married, April 17, 1850, Lydia Kauffman, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Samuel K., born in 1851, married Lucinda Weaver. 2. Moses K., mentioned at length hereinafter. 3. David, born December 15, 1855, died October 29, 1872. 4. Lizzie, born December 13, 1858, wife of Aaron Swank, has six children. 5. Barbara, born January 21, 1861, wife of Henry Rish, has five children. 6. Fannie, born December 31, 1864, married to Harry Custer, has three children. The mother of these children died November 9, 1869.

Moses K. Johns, son of Joseph and Lydia (Kauffman) Johns, was born July 22, 1852, and received a common school education. March 22, 1872, he settled in Hillsboro, then Shade Furnace, the place having received its present designation September 9, 1879. He has since been engaged in the lumber business and has also operated a gristmill, a planing-mill, a shingle-mill and a blacksmith's shop. He was appointed postmaster of Shade Furnace, March 22, 1872, before the name was changed to Hillsboro, and has ever since held the office continuously. For twenty years he has been township auditor and has served four terms as supervisor and three years as school director. He is a Republican and a member of the German Baptist church.

Mr. Johns married, August 28, 1873, Anna, daughter of William D. Thomas, of Shade township, and the following are their children: 1. Ordie A., born February 20, 1874, married Ida M. Wechtenhiser, and has two children, Merlo S. and Zella B. 2. Elvie L., born April 4, 1875, wife of Leslie Holsopple, has six children; Roy, Chester, Alma, Erma, Cyrel and Meredith. 3. Joseph R., born January 24, 1877, married Emma Rummel, and has three children, Edithe, Josephine and Joseph M. 4. Mollie N., born April 21, 1879, wife of Harvey Emerick, has one child, Albert. 5. Cora E., born June 27, 1881, wife of William A. Reily, has one child, Albert. 6. Carrie M., born January 28, 1884. 7. Roxie E., born August 6, 1886. 8. Jessie Jeanetta, born June 4, 1888. 9. Anna B., born July 29, 1890. 10. Nellie E., born July 23, 1892. 11. Harvey A., born March 26, 1894. 12. William E., born November 12, 1900. To each of these children Mr. Johns has given the advantages of a good education, and two of the daughters are now teaching in the public schools.

LEVI A. BLOUGH.

The family of which Levi A. Blough, of Holsopple, is a representative, was founded in this country by Jacob Blough, a native of Germany, and one of the first settlers of Conemaugh township. He purchased of Thomas Vickroy, of Bedford county, a farm about two miles from Davidsville. His children were: Christian; John; Jacob, mentioned at length hereinafter; Henry; David; Barbara, wife of ——— Saylor; Anna, wife of ——— Keim; Fannie, wife of ——— Berkey; and Mary, wife of Henry Hershberger. The death of Jacob Blough occurred in 1811.

Jacob Blough, son of Jacob Blough, the emigrant, was born in 1775, in Lancaster county, and early in life came to Somerset county, purchasing a tract of two hundred and twenty-five acres in the southern part of Conemaugh township. In 1827 he sold one hundred and twenty-five acres to Yost Blough, farming the remainder until his death. He was the founder and also the first preacher of the Mennonite church in Somerset county. Mr. Blough married Catharine Saylor, of this county, and the following children were born to them: 1. John, married Christina Blough, had five children: Samuel, a minister; John, Levi, Catharine and Henry. 2. Jacob, a minister, he married, and his children were: Jonas and Henry, both ministers; Abram, Jacob, Joseph, and Rachel. Mr. Blough died about 1878. 3. Christian, married Polly Ream. 4. Henry, married Fannie Hershberger, had the following children: John, Jeremiah, Noah, Elizabeth, Esrom, Kate and Anna. 5. Barbara, wife of Peter Speicher, had four children: Abraham, Jacob, Kate and Sarah. 6. Mary, wife of John Kauffman, had four children: Harvey, Levi, Barbara and Mary. 7. Anna, wife of John Ream. 8. Catharine, wife of Jacob Alwine, had four children: John, Abraham, Samuel and Jacob. 9. Fannie, married Benjamin Hershberger, after whose death she became the wife of Jacob Alwine, husband of her deceased sister, Catharine. 10. Abraham, mentioned at length hereinafter. Mr. Blough, the father, closed his long and beneficent life in 1850.

Abraham Blough, son of Jacob and Catharine (Saylor) Blough, was born June 21, 1815, and all his life followed agricultural pursuits on the farm which had been his birthplace. He served several terms as supervisor of Conemaugh township, was a Republican and a member of the Mennonite church. Mr. Blough married, about 1842, Sarah, daughter of Peter Lehman, and the following are their children: 1. Peter, born in 1843, married Catharine Baer, had six children, Amos, died in childhood; Herman, Emaniah, Albert, Minnie and Ira. 2. Catharine, born in 1846, wife of Joseph Sala. 3. Jacob, married Susan Baer, had eight children: Sadie, Lizzie, Mollie, Mahlon, Edward, Abram, Milton and Lemon. 4. Rachel, born in 1852, wife of John M. Thomas, had three children: Jemima, Norman and Barbara. 5. Levi A., mentioned at length hereinafter. 6. Abraham, born April 15, 1862, married Lydia Howard, had seven children: Maggie, Cadillia, Irvin, three who died in childhood, and Stephen. Mr. Blough died in 1891.

Levi A. Blough, son of Abraham and Sarah (Lehman) Blough, was born June 17, 1855, in Conemaugh township, and received his preparatory education in the public schools, afterward attending the local normal schools at Stoystown and Ben's Creek. For sixteen winters he was a teacher in the public schools, farming during the summers. In 1881 he bought part of the Hostetler farm, near Holsopple. He is a Republican, and has been a preacher in the Mennonite church, continuing his agricultural labors during the week, and on Sunday devoting himself to his ministerial duties.

Mr. Blough married, December 31, 1876, Levina Thomas, and they were the parents of one child who died in infancy. Mrs. Blough died December 6, 1879, and Mr. Blough subsequently married Anna, daughter of Jacob Wingard. By this marriage there were the following children: Wesley, born January 18, 1882, died at the age of six years; Polly, born February 18, 1884, wife of Edward Thomas; Sallie, born June 20, 1886, died at the age of four years; Bertha, born February 1, 1889, died at two years of age; Susie, born June 9, 1891; Kate, born January 19, 1893; Maggie, born July 23, 1896; Elsie V., born August 31, 1899; Edith P., born April 20, 1902; and Annie R., born December 10, 1904.

GEORGE B. SOMERVILLE.

George B. Somerville, an attorney-at-law of Windber, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and one of the representative citizens of the borough, was born March 24, 1875, a son of John L. and Grace (Ralston) Somerville.

John L. Somerville (father) was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, born in 1832. He immigrated to this country in 1877, locating in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he was for a number of years occupied as a mine foreman. In politics he affiliated with the Republican party, and in church relations was a Presbyterian. He married, in 1851, in Scotland, Miss Grace Ralston, a daughter of James Ralston, and of this marriage children were born as follows: William, born 1854, resides in Tioga county, Pennsylvania; James R., born 1856, is a resident of Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania; Mary, born 1865, the wife of Colonel E. G. Scheffelin, and lives in Wellsburg, Pennsylvania; Duncan, born 1867, lives at Osceola Mills; George B., see forward. The death of John L. Somerville, the father of these children, occurred in August, 1904.

Early in life George B. Somerville decided upon a legal career, and prepared himelf for his chosen profession in Carlisle College, from which institution he was graduated in 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He immediately located in Athens, Pennsylvania, and was admitted to the Bradford county bar, September 6, 1897; to the supreme court of Iowa, May 15, 1900; to the United States district and circuit courts, October 15, 1900; to the Pennsylvania supreme court, September 10, 1900; and to the Somerset county bar, September 12, 1900. August 14, 1900, Mr. Somerville removed to Windber, where he has since been located, and where he has established for himself an excellent clientele. He is thoroughly qualified for the work which he has chosen, and has already reached an eminent place in the ranks of the profession. In political connections Mr. Somerville accords allegiance to the Republican party, and is prominent in all community affairs. He was elected secretary of the school board in 1900, and in 1901 solicitor for Windber borough. In religious faith Mr. Somerville is connected with the Presbyterian church.

He married, April 20, 1904, Miss Anna J. Brigham, a daughter of Peter S. Brigham, now deceased.

WILLIAM HENRY DEETER.

William Henry Deeter, president of the Kendall & Deeter Lumber Company, Meyersdale, Somerset county Pennsylvania, was born in Allegheny township, Somerset county, March 7, 1858, the son of Unus and Katharine (Boyer) Deeter.

Samuel Deeter, grandfather, was a native of Allegheny township, born at what is now known as Deeter's Gap. He was a farmer by occupation. Among his children was a son Unus.

Unus Deeter (father) was also born in Allegheny township. He followed the quiet but useful occupation of a farmer. He married Miss Katharine, daughter of ——— Boyer, of Stony Creek, and they had the following children: Sarah, Mary, Jane, Lina, William Henry and Jonathan.

William Henry Deeter attended the public schools of his native place until he was fifteen years of age. He then entered into his first regular employment at the occupation of a farmer, working out by the month until 1882. The succeeding three years he was engaged in the sawmill business in Allegheny township, and in 1885 he embarked in the contracting business, being in the employ of the W. C. White Lumber Company of Bedford county. He remained there until 1889, when he established himself with the firm of Bondollar & Son, of Everett, Bedford county. He subsequently returned to the employ of the former company as superintendent of mills, continuing there in this capacity until 1893. Deciding to engage in business for himself, he opened a livery establishment at Rockwood, Somerset county, and was thus occupied, being attended with good success until 1897. He then formed a partnership with Mr. S. A. Kendall, and they engaged in the lumber business, conducting the establishment under the firm name of Kendall & Deeter Lumber Company, with offices at Meyersdale. The proprietors of this establishment are both capable, reliable business men, and through their straightforward business methods and general fair dealing, have brought the business to an eminent degree of success.

Mr. Deeter is also interested in various other industrial enterprises, among them being numbered the following: The Meyersdale Planing Mill Company, of which he is vice-president; the Kendall & Deeter Lumber Company, of which he is president; the West Salisbury Feed Company, in which he holds the office of vice-president. He is a stockholder in the Citizens' National Bank of Meyersdale; the Meyersdale Sheet Steel Company, the Livingood Coal and Coke Company of Pittsburg, and the Economy Telephone Company of Meyersdale. In political affiliations Mr. Deeter is a Republican, and is an earnest party worker. He has served his borough as councilman since 1900. In religious faith he is a member of the Reformed church. Fraternally he holds membership in the F. and A. M., No. 554, Meyersdale; B. P. O. E., No. 175, Johnstown; and Royal Arcanum, of Meyersdale.

Mr. Deeter married, July 10, 1881, Miss Sadie, daughter of William Ware, of Allegheny township, and they have children as follows: Effie; Ollie, married, October 21, 1903, Ernest Boyer; Bertha, married William Apple, June 1, 1905; Carrie; William Bunn; Ida; Ware; and Gladys.

WILLIAM CECIL APPEL.

William Cecil Appel, a member of the firm of Appel & Glessner, general merchants of Meyersdale, descends from a German ancestor, Nicholas Appel (grandfather), who was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, May 12, 1815. Nicholas was a tailor by trade. He married Elizabeth Hickory, also born in Germany. In 1840 Nicholas came to America with his wife and settled in Pennsylvania. He worked in several places in Somerset county at his trade, but finally settled in Jenner township, where he purchased a farm and devoted himself to its cultivation until after the death of his wife, when he sold his property, and thereafter his home was with his children in their several homes, where he was a welcome guest. Nicholas was a member of the Reformed church, as were his wife and children. In politics he was a Democrat. The children of Nicholas and Elizabeth Appel were as follows: Anna Martha (deceased), wife of Hiram Boyts, of Davidsville, Pennsylvania; Catharine (Mrs. Jesse Walters), of Stoystown, Pennsylvania; Mary (Mrs. P. J. Cover), of Meyersdale; and William, hereinafter mentioned. Nicholas Appel died in 1895, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Cover, in Meyersdale.

William Appel, only son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Appel, was born in Quemahoning township, Somerset county Pennsylvania, March 29, 1827. He was educated in the public schools of the township, and until arriving at manhood was a worker on the farm. At the age of twenty-three years he married, and for a time continued farming, but mercantile life attracted him, and his first business venture was a general store at Forward. His next was at Stoystown, where he only remained a year, after which he removed to Friedens, where for eleven years he was the leading merchant. In 1889 he came to Meyersdale, where he bought out the stock of the A. F. John general store, and with J. F. Naugle and E. D. Leonard formed the firm of William Appel & Company. This firm continued in successful business until 1897, when it was dissolved by the purchase of his partner's interest by Mr. Appel. For three years, until his death, Mr. Appel continued the business. He was an unusually good business man, and on the foundation he laid is built the present business of Appel & Glessner.

William Appel was a faithful member of the Reformed church. At the age of eighteen years he was made a deacon, and at his death was an elder and trustee of Amity Reformed church of Meyersdale, and a teacher in the Sabbath school. He was also on the board of trustees of Lancaster Theological Seminary. Fraternally he was a member of Somerset Lodge, No. 358, F. and A. M., the Royal Arcanum, and the Heptasophs. He was a strong Republican, and served the borough of Meyersdale as treasurer of school funds, and three terms as school director.

William Appel married, June 14, 1870, Mary, born December 22, 1848, daughter of William and Rosina (Brubaker) Zimmerman. William Zimmerman was a farmer of Jenner township, and later a resident of Meyersdale, where he died February 1, 1885. He was a devoted member of the Reformed church, in which body he was an efficient officer and worker, as was his wife Rosina, who died October 7, 1872, in her forty-ninth year. Mrs. Mary Appel is a member of the Reformed church. The children of William and Mary Appel are: Rosa B., born April 19, 1877, married, June 20, 1895, Rev. A. S. Glessner, of Meyersdale. The children of this marriage are Martha Evelyn, Miriam Lenore, and Bertha Rosella Glessner. William Cecil, of whom more will be written. William Appel's busy and useful life terminated September 29, 1900. His funeral on October 2nd was very largely attended, the business houses of Meyersdale being closed during the services. "The strong elements of William Appel's character were his industry, his economy, his honesty and his religion." Mrs. Mary Appel, his widow, still resides in her comfortable home on Meyers avenue, Meyersdale.

William Cecil Appel, second child and only son of William and Mary (Zimmerman) Appel, was born in Friedens, February 20, 1882. He was educated in the schools of Meyersdale and at Mercersburg Academy. After leaving school and until his father's death, he was a clerk in the store of the latter. Until attaining his majority the business was continued under the same name by Mr. Appel in the interest of the heirs and widow. In 1903 the present firm of Appel & Glessner was formed, consisting of William C. Appel and A. S. Glessner, his brother-in-law. They erected a handsome four-story modern brick store building on Centre and Clay streets, which is the home of their present large department store business. The first floor is devoted to the display and sale of dry goods, notions and groceries; the second to shoes and ladies' wear; the third to men's clothing and furnishings; and the fourth to carpets, etc. The store is well conducted, well arranged, popular and prosperous. Messrs. Appel & Glessner give it their entire time, with the aid of six clerks. The have few outside interests, preferring to concentrate all their energies on their one business. In politics Mr. Appel is a Republican. In church fellowship he is of the Reformed faith.

Mr. Appel married Bertha K., daughter of W. H. Deeter, or Meyersdale (whose sketch appears on another page). She was born March 22, 1886. She graduated from the Meyersdale high school, and was a student at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Reformed church. The marriage of William C. Appel and Bertha K. Deeter was solemnized by Rev. A. S. Glessner, June 1, 1905. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Appel—a daughter, Bertha D., February 26, 1906.

CLARK J. DUNCAN.

Clark J. Duncan, a prosperous business man of Windber, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was born in Indiana county, in the same state, December 20, 1857. He received a good common school education. He removed to Cambria county, Pennsylvania, in 1885, engaged in the lumber business, which he followed for eight years, and then opened a hotel, which he conducted until 1898. He then came to Windber, Somerset county, and erected the Windber hotel. Three years later he sold the interior furnishings of the house, and commenced a wholesale business in the wine and liquor line, which he conducted very successfully until 1904. His religious affiliations are with the Christian Science church, and he gives his active support to the Republican party. He has always taken an intelligent interest in the public affairs of the community in which he lives, and has served as a member of the common council. He married, July 5, 1884, Clara Woodbaugh, daughter of Jacob Woodbaugh, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and there children are: Reuben P., born December 19, 1885; Cecil, March 25, 1887; Joyce, November 29, 1889; Jean, May 16, 1891; Clark B., October 10, 1899; and Granel, October 5, 1900.

EARL HUNTER PERRY, M. D.

Earl Hunter Perry, M. D., of Salisbury, was born March 20, 1878, at Townville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, son of the Rev. James F. Perry, and grandson of James Perry, a native of Maryland, by trade a millwright, and who served during the war of 1812 with the rank of colonel. James Perry married Mary Law, of Maryland, and ten children were born to them, two of whom are now living: Mrs. Nancy Murray, of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Sophia Norton, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Perry died at the respective ages of sixty-four and seventy.

James F. Perry, ninth child of James and Mary (Law) Perry, was born October 23, 1831, at Spruce Creek, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and at the age of twenty-six entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, and bore all the burdens and endured all the hardships of the early circuit rider of that denomination, his circuit at one time embracing twenty-six preaching points. Mr. Perry married, September 2, 1856, Marry Elizabeth, born March 13, 1837, in Lionesta, Forest county, Pennsylvania, daughter of ——— Hunter, who was a raft pilot on the river from Olean to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1812 he was in charge of the transportation of supplies between Pittsburg and Erie, and it was his force that equipped Commodore Perry's ships with the munitions of war that rendered possible his victory over the British fleet on Lake Erie. The father of ——— Hunter was Poland Hunter, one of the original Holland Land Company of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Perry were the parents of the following children: Linna M., born June 5, 1857, graduated from the Beethoven School of Music, Meadville, Pennsylvania. She was a most capable and successful teacher of instrumental music until her death in Salisbury, February 16, 1906; D. E. Simpson, born July 12, 1861, studied at Allegheny College, entered the ministry at the age of twenty-seven, and is now rector of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, Blossburg, Pennsylvania; the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Gove City College, Pennsylvania; Dr. Perry married Maud Townley, of Crawford county, and they have two children, Lytle F. and L. Ayleen; Francis J., early learned telegraphy and rose rapidly to his present position, which is that of chief train despatcher or divison operator on the Pennsylvania railroad, with headquarters at New Castle, Pennsylvania; he has charge of all telephone and telegraph lines and of the movements of trains on his division; he married Mary C. Bixler, of Ashtabula, Ohio, and they have three children: Linna M., Leota J. and Gladys M.; Frances Luella, died December 26, 1863, aged three years. Earl Hunter, of whom later. The Rev. James F. Perry died January 9, 1906, having spent fifty years of his life in preaching the gospel in Pennsylvania and western New York. His widow resides with her son, Dr. Earl Hunter Perry, in Salisbury.

Earl Hunter Perry, son of James F. and Mary Elizabeth (Hunter) Perry, obtained his preparatory education in the schools of the different towns in which his father was stationed. At the age of thirteen he entered Le Bœf Academy, Waterford, after which he took a four years' course at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania. In 1898 he entered the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, spent a year at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and in 1902 received from the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He immediately began practice at Kane, Pennsylvania, but in 1903 settled in Salisbury, buying out the practice of Dr. A. F. Spicher. He is a general practitioner, but makes a specialty of diseases of the eye. He was at one time president of the Salisbury board of health. He belongs to the American Medical Association and the State and County Medical Societies, holding from the two last-named organizations the appointment of district censor. He affiliates with Meyersdale Lodge, No. 554, F. and A. M., and Salisbury Lodge, No. 982, I. O. O. F. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Perry married, August 1, 1906, Frances F., daughter of Calvin T. Hay, of Salisbury (see Hay sketch). Mrs. Perry is a graduate of the Salisbury high schools.

JOHN ROBERT FAIR.

John Robert Fair, of West Salisbury, is a grandson of Robert Fair, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, and subsequently emigrated to the United States. His son, Conrad Fair, was born in Fairhope township, and was a laborer in the mines, burning the first lime ever consumed in that part of the county. Conrad Fair married Charlotte, daughter of Robert Patton, of Elk Lick township, and their children were: William Henry, married Elnor Snyder; Jennie, wife of Daniel Smalley; John Robert, see forward; Elmer, married Elizabeth Christman; Matthew, married Elizabeth Smalley; Anna, deceased; Avora, wife of Charles Clawson; Christopher C., deceased; Frank, married Ellen Fuller.

John Robert Fair, son of Conrad and Charlotte (Patton) Fair, was born April 23, 1861, in Greenville township, and until the age of eighteen attended the public schools of Elk Lick township. During his latter years in school he worked in the coal mines and continued to do so until 1897. From that year until 1902 he was employed in the general store of the Elk Lick Supply Company, and in the latter year bought out Frank Clare's hotel at West Salisbury. This building, which was destroyed by fire May 4, 1903, he rebuilt, changing the name to the Hotel Fair. In December, 1905, he leased the Chrystal House at Berlin, which he improved and refurnished, naming it the Hotel Berlin, and of this he is now the proprietor. In addition to this he has interests in the coal business in Somerset county. For seven years he was constable of the borough of Salisbury and also served on the police force. He was formerly a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, is a member of the German Reformed church, and his political affiliations are with the Republicans.

Mr. Fair married Emma C., daughter of John A. Kendal, of Somerset county, and the following children have been born to them: William, deceased; Bertha; Cora; Ollie; John, deceased; Asa; and Mary.

ALBERT REITZ.

Albert Reitz, cashier of the First National Bank of Salisbury, descends from Hartman Reitz, who was born at Oscarban, near Frankfort on the Rhine, Germany, and in June, 1835, in the ship "Leondina," sailed for America and landed in Baltimore, Maryland, eight weeks later. He was a miller, having learned his trade in the old country. He later settled in Somerset county, near Roxbury, where his brother George had established a milling business about twelve years previous. The old mill still stands and is referred to in the sketch of Joseph Reitz on another page of this work. Hartman Reitz married Sarah Geiger, of Berks county, and their children were: Conrad; Ellen; John; Elizabeth; Hartman H., see forward; William; Joseph; Daniel; Henry; and Jacob. Hartman Reitz died August 30, 1883, aged seventy-eight, and Sarah, his wife, died March 6, 1894, aged seventy-two.

Hartman H. Reitz, son of Hartman and Sarah (Geiger) Reitz, was born May 20, 1849, in Stony Creek township. On reaching manhood he engaged in the milling business; for a few years thereafter operated a planing mill in Salisbury, and for fifteen years has been engaged in the manufacture of Somerset apple butter, owning the only factory in the county. He is a member of the German Baptist church, and a Prohibitionist. Mr. Reitz married, January 1, 1873, Mary A., born August 9, 1852, daughter of John Faust, of Somerset county, and their family consists of the following children: Harvey, born June 6, 1874, died July 29, 1899; Emma Cora, born July 16, 1876, wife of J. W. Kann; Albert, born February 19, 1878; see forward; John Edward, born June 10, 1879; William R., born July

26, 1881; Ella M., born April 22, 1883; Elizabeth A., born June 18, 1888; Harry C., born September 18, 1890.

Albert Reitz, son of Hartman H. and Mary **(Faust) Reitz,** was born February 19, 1878, in New Baltimore, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He obtained his preparatory education chiefly in the public schools of Salisbury. In 1898 he entered Juniata Business College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, remaining three months. During the winter of 1897-98 he taught in Elk Lick township, and in the autumn of 1898 became clerk in the Valley Bank of Salisbury. In 1902 the institution was reorganized as the First National Bank, and Mr. Reitz was made cashier, a position which he still holds. He is also a stockholder in the bank. He was one of the promoters of the Improved Traction Engine Company of Salisbury, and is now its secretary and treasurer. He is secretary of the Citizens' Light, H. and P. Company of Salisbury, He is a member of the German Baptist church, and supports with his vote and influence the Republican party.

Mr. Reitz married, January 3, 1904, Emma May, daughter of Charles and Etta (Hoffman) Randolph, of Grundy Centre, Iowa, and they are the parents of one child, Albert Randolph, born August 7, 1905.

HARVEY H. MAUST.

Harvey H. Maust, of Salisbury, one of the leading business men of Somerset county, was born September 16, 1862, in Elk Lick township, his father and grandfather having both borne the name of Abraham Maust. His great-grandfather was Jacob Maust, a native of Switzerland, who settled in Elk Lick township at some period prior to the Revolution. The original tract of land on which he made his home is now occupied by Morris Maust and is known as the "old Maust farm."

Abraham Maust, son of Jacob Maust, was born May 23, 1793, on the homestead in Elk Lick township and followed agricultural pursuits. His wife was Magdalene Longnecker, of the well wnown Bedford county family of that name, and their children were: Abraham, of whom later; Samuel; Joseph; Jacob; Peter; William; Jonas; John; Elias; Elizabeth, wife of John Peek, of Addison township; Anna, wife of Michael Glotfelty; Barbara, wife of Jacob Shrock; Sarah, wife of George Peck; and Margaret, wife of Jacob Miller. Abraham Maust, the father of this large family, died April 28, 1885, having nearly completed his ninety-second year.

Abraham Maust, eldest son of Abraham and Magdalene (Longnecker) Maust, was born November 9, 1831, on the home farm, and, like his father, always followed the calling of a tiller of the soil, both in Pennsylvania and in Maryland, whither he removed, taking up his abode in Garrett county. He has now retired from active life and resides on his farm in Garrett county, which is managed by his son Fearson. He is a member of the German Baptist Brethren church and has lived a life in accordance with the strict tenets of that religious body.

Mr. Maust married, April 10, 1854, Mary, born June 24, 1826, daughter of John Newman, of Garrett county, Maryland, and their children are: Anna Elizabeth; Ada, wife of Gillian Broadwater, farmer of Garrett county, five children, Eva, Mary, Irwin, Hillary and Nevin; Newman, lumberman of Roanoke, West Virginia, married Emma Broadwater; Harvey H., of whom later; Frank A., lumberman, married Ada Lichty, of Summit township; Fearson, manages the home farm in Garrett county, married ——— Keim; and Aaron C., lumberman, of Salisbury, married Alberta Stanton, two children. The children of Abraham and Mary (Newman) Maust owe much to their parents. The father, by the principles of integrity, industry and economy, inculcated in them habits that have been the foundation stones on which they have built successful careers, while the mother, whose gentle love and forgiving kindness were compelling forces in their lives, sowed in their youthful hearts seed which has borne abundant harvest.

Harvey H. Maust, son of Abraham and Mary (Newman) Maust, attended the schools of Garrett county, Maryland, whither his parents removed soon after his birth. His time, until the age of twenty-one, was divided between assisting his father in the labors of the farm and acquiring an education. He began his business career by purchasing, with four others, a tract of timber land, the combined capital of the five partners being only sufficient to cover the purchase price of nineteen hundred dollars. The first year they cut ties and peeled bark which, when sold, furnished means with which to buy and erect a sawmill on the property, and in the suceeding three years the tract was cleared at a profit of twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Maust has ever since been actively interested in the development of coal, timber and other properties in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. He is one of the owners in the Maust Lumber Company, having coal and timber lands, with planing mills and yards at Boynton, Pennsylvania. Of this company Mr. Maust is general manager, and holds the same position in the Boynton Coal Company. He is president of the Improved Traction Engine Company and of the Light, Heat and Power Company of Salisbury. He was formerly vice-president of the H. C. Huston Lumber Company of Pittsburg, which he owned in common with H. C. Huston and J. L. Kendall, but ultimately disposed of his interest to William Kendall.

He is vice-president of the First National Bank of Salisbury and of the Pennsylvania & Maryland Steel Railway, now constructing an electric line which will eventually connect Frostburg, Maryland, with Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He is interested in numerous other enterprises, covering almost the entire range of the development of western Pennsylvania. He is conservative and cautious in his methods, is a strong, reliant, self-made man and richly deserves the success he has won. He has served the borough of Salisbury in the common council and on the school board, and indorses the principles of the Republican party. He is an elder of the Reformed church of Salisbury.

Mr. Maust married, October 1, 1891, Jennie Stanton, and they are the parents of two children, Florence and Bayard. Mrs. Maust is the only daughter of Eli and Harriet Stanton, of Grantsville, Maryland. She received her education in the schools of her native town, and, like her husband, is a member of the Reformed church.

WILLIAM R. SUFALL.

William R. Sufall, a painter and paperhanger of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born, December 15, 1871, son of John R. and Rebecca (Haupt) Sufall and grandson of John Sufall, who was a farmer by occupation. His father was a native of Somerset county and a carpenter by trade. He married Rebecca Haupt and they are the parents of children as follows: William R.; Marion, deceased; George; Amelia; Laura; Eliza; and Parker, married Nellie Eva, daughter of William Baker.

William R. Sufall was educated in the common schools of the county, and at the age of sixteen left school to learn the trade of painter and paperhanger. This occupation he has since followed and has been very successful. He married, November, 1891, Miss Barbara Schrock, who was born in Somerset, May 4, 1871, a daughter of Cyrus Schrock, a stock dealer, and Mary (Swank) Schrock, who were the parents of the following named children: Edward; Laura; Wilson; Barbara; Calvin; and Guy. Mr. and Mrs. William R. Sufall have one child, Mary R., born February 19, 1904.

DAVID T. HITESHEW.

David T. Hiteshew, of Crum, is a son of Jacob Hiteshew, who was born about 1780 at Tawneytown, Maryland, and moved to Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming near Schellsburg. He served in the army during the war of 1812. His political affiliations were with the Democrats and he was a member of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Hiteshew married, in 1813, Mary M. Zambram, and they were the parents of the following children: William, born in 1815; Elizabeth, born in 1817; John, born in 1818; Jacob, born in 1820; Julia A., born in 1821; Abraham, born in 1822; Mary, born in 1824; Gideon, born in 1825; David T., mentioned at length hereinafter; and Susanna, born in 1829. The death of Mr. Hiteshew occurred about 1840.

David T. Hiteshew, son of Jacob and Mary M. (Zambram) Hiteshew, was born in 1827 in Bedford county, and in early life followed the carpenter's trade. In 1861 he moved to Shade township, where he has since given his attention to farming and at the same time engaged in the lumber business. He is a Democrat and a member of the Evangelistic church. Mr. Hiteshew married, June 10, 1848, Catharine Dorr, who bore him the following children: Margaret, born April 27, 1849; William, born September 17, 1850; Ruth A., born April 9, 1852; John, born October 19, 1853; George, born October 6, 1855; Albert, born March 11, 1857; Mary B., born November 15, 1858; Hester, born June 6, 1860; Sarah C., born January 9, 1862; and Jacob W., born June 9, 1865. The mother of these children died and Mr. Hiteshew married, February 20, 1879, Sarah Fuller, by whom he became the father of two sons and two daughters: Della, born December 23, 1881; David H., born October 11, 1882; Thomas C., born February 28, 1886; and Levina G., born April 12, 1889.

Della Hiteshew, eldest child of David T. and Sarah (Fuller) Hiteshew, graduated from the State Normal School at Indiana and is now a teacher in the public schools of Shade township.

JACOB WALTER.

Jacob Walter was born in Somerset county, the son of Michael and Rebecca (Ketzmiller) Walter. He married Elizabeth Ankeny, the daughter of Jacob and Christine (Knable) Ankeny, and they have children as follows: Mary, married Christian Wilhen; Henry, married Louisa Meese; Frank, married Susan Weimer; Sarah, the wife of Samuel R. Critchfield; Lydia, the wife of Samuel Bittner; Christiana, married Henry C. Schnadier; Phœbe Elizabeth, married Westly Humbert; Louisa, married Frank Shaffer; Hearthe; Margaret; Samuel C., married Louisa Baker; and Emma A., deceased.

WILLIAM A. MERRILL.

William A. Merrill, of Garrett, Pennsylvania, is a son of Uriah A. Merrill, who spent most of his early life in Iowa, later moving to Pennsylvania. He married Katharine, daughter of Samuel Tressler, of Elk Lick township, and the following are their children: Alice (Mrs. Jeremiah Engle); William A., see forward: John, of Elk Lick; and Mary (Mrs. Milton Bowlby).

Uriah Merrill died in 1902. Mrs. Uriah Merrill lives at Garrett with her son, William A.

William A. Merrill, son of Uriah and Katharine Merrill, was born January 24, 1869, in Iowa, but received his education in the public schools of Elk Lick township, Somerset county, which he attended until the age of sixteen. Up to the time of attaining his majority he worked in the mines and assisted his father on the farm. During the next two years he was purchasing agent for the Standard Extract Company, of West Salisbury, buying wood and bark. December 12, 1892, he entered the mercantile business at Garrett, buying out W. L. Hoover and establishing himself as W. A. Merrill. In 1898 he reorganized the business under the name of the Enterprise Supply Company. From 1892 to 1895 he was engaged in the lumber business with S. A. Kendall, and from 1895 to 1898 carried it alone. In the latter year he went into the coal business under the name of the Enterprise Coal Company, with offices at Garrett, and in 1902 sold out mine No. 1 to the Somerset Coal Company. He associated with himself as partner in the coal and supply company J. B. Walker, opening up Enterprise Mine No. 2, or "Ponfeigh mine," equipping it with electricity and making it one of the most modern and best mines in the vicinity.

In 1902 he helped to organize the Penn Marva Coal Company under foreign charter, one hundred thousand dollars capital, with offices at Garrett, Pennsylvania, and in Clay county, West Virginia. Of this company he became general manager, a position which he held until November, 1905, when he, with Mr. McCullough, sold their interests to the other two partners. In 1902 Mr. Merrill helped to organize the First National Bank of Garrett and was made the first president, an office which he still holds. During the same year he helped to organize the Erie Coal and Coke Company, bought the Turner Coal and Coke Company and chartered, under the laws of Pennsylvania, with capital of one hundred thousand dollars. Later he became president and still retains that position. In 1903, in company with J. B. Walker, he bought the Garrett Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, which supplies Garrett borough with electricity. He is the owner of about twenty buildings, including the Garrett Opera House; also owns large and valuable coal and timber land in Braxton and Clay counties, West Virginia, with a frontage of six miles on the Coal & Coke railroad. Since 1903 he has been member of the council. He belongs to Lodge No. 175, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of Johnstown. In politics he adheres to no party, but is an independent voter. He is a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Merrill married, July 9, 1893, Alice, daughter of Cornelius Judy, of Brothers Valley township, and they have been the parents of five children: Charles; Emma; Bryan; Harold; and Howard.

MITCHELL E. McNEAL.

Mitchell E. McNeal, of Windber, was born October 8, 1862, and is a lumberman, having operated in several places. He spent two years at Dunlo, Cambria county, and then for a time took charge of a mill at Hastings, Pennsylvania.

He went thence to Hyer, Braxton county, West Virginia, and after disposing of his business there moved in 1898 to Windber, where he has since been engaged in the lumber business. He is a Republican and a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. McNeal married, in 1892, Catharine, daughter of Joseph and Mary Murray, and they are the parents of the following children: Leonard, born November 27, 1893; Mary A., born May 24, 1895, died September 12, 1895; Inez, born March 18, 1898; Margaret, born May 6, 1901; Thomas M., born February 8, 1902; and Catharine, born March 26, 1903.

Mrs. McNeal is a granddaughter of Barnard Murray, who in 1828 came from Ireland to the United States, settling first in Massachusetts, where he remained five years, and then moving to Blossburg, Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his life. Joseph Murray, son of Barnard Murray, was born in 1832, in Massachusetts, and in 1837 was taken by his parents to Blossburg. He was a miner and married Mary ———, by whom he was the father of a daughter, Catharine, wife of Mitchel E. McNeal. Mr. Murray died November 8, 1898, at Arnot, Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

ANDREW WOY.

Andrew Woy, a resident of Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born October 26, 1838, the son of John Woy.

Andrew Woy obtained his educational training in the common schools of his native place. After leaving the schoolroom he was engaged for ten years, in partnership with his brother, in the conduct of a sawmill. He is by occupation a farmer and owns a well located farm in Somerset township. This farm is well laid out and is finely cultivated. In his political relations he is a Prohibitionist.

He married, November 29, 1867, in Stony Creek township, Catherine Walker, born March 21, 1847. The following named children are the issue of this marriage: Edmond S., born October 14, 1868, married Ida Swank, a daughter of William and Catherine (Kimindill) Swank, and they have children as follows: Catherine, Earl, Edna, Hobert, Myrtle; Margaret, born October 13, 1870, resides in Pittsburg; Mary, born December 25, 1873, married Charles Cook, a son of Jones and Emma (Stutzman) Cook, and they have one child, Emily Catherine; Charles, born April 13, 1875, married Carrie Young, daughter of William and ——— (Queller) Young, and they have two children, Ernest and Lloyd; Elizabeth, born August 19, 1878, married Irvin Rhodes, son of Alex and Mary (Staffert) Rhodes, and they had no children; Mr. Rhodes died in 1900; Rose E., married Edgar Fogle, son of George Fogle, and they have one child, Lydia; Harry W., born September 5, 1881, married Mary Emmert, daughter of Oliver and Minnie (Smith) Emmert; they have no children; Jacob F., born May 22, 1887, is unmarried and resides at home.

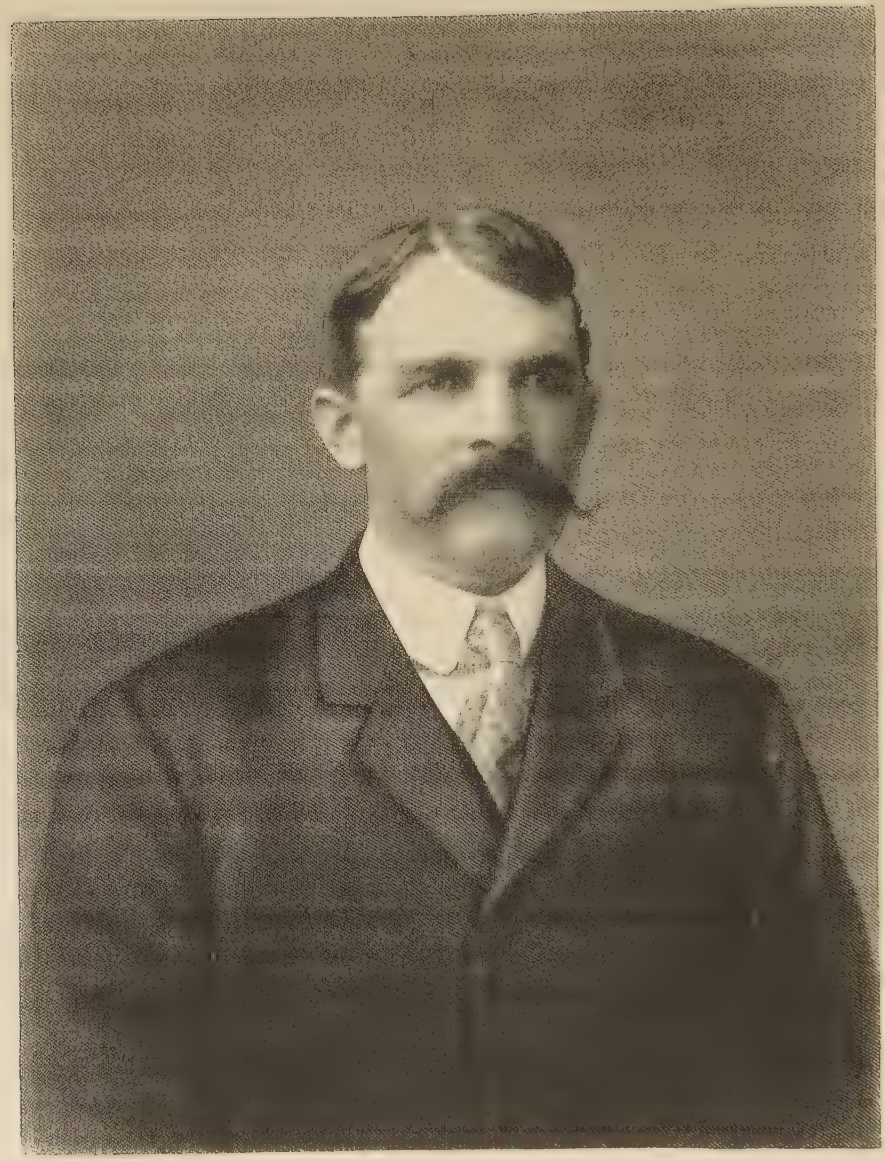
CHRISTIAN BLOUGH.

Christian Blough, a prosperous farmer of Friedens, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, is a descendant of one of the old and well known families of the state. The name Blough, or Blau or Blauch, as it was originally spelled in Switzerland, from which country the family came, signifies "blue." Some claim that the family were originally French Huguenots who fled to Switzerland to escape religious persecution. The entire family has always taken an independent stand as far as matters of religious liberty were concerned. They must, however, have adopted the German language at an early date, as a Bible published in that tongue was in their possession in 1543.

(I) Christian Blauch (or Bleich, as given by the record of emigrants of the time) and his brother, John (Hans) Blauch, sailed from Berne, Switzerland, on the ship the "Brotherhood," Captain John Thomson, with one hundred and fifty passengers, and reached the port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1750. Christian had with him his three sons: 1. John, settled in Lebanon county, and his descendants are scattered throughout Dauphin, Lebanon and York counties. They generally spell the name Blauch or Blaugh. One of his descendants is a manufacturer in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and another, Dr. Blaugh, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, represents his district in the state legislature. 2. Christian, who was about seven years of age at the time of his arrival in this country. He bought a farm in Lebanon township, Lebanon county (at that time Lancaster county), Pennsylvania, in 1761, from the Penn brothers. He removed to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1773, located about one mile from Berlin, where he died in 1777, and is buried. He had eight children: Jacob, Christian, John, Peter and Henry, who were twins, David, Anna and Magdalen. 3. Jacob, see forward.

(II) Jacob Blough, son of Christian Blauch (1), was but a few years old when he came to this country with his parents. He came to Somerset county about 1788, and located in Conemaugh township, near Quemahoning, where he died and is buried on the farm. He was six feet in height and weighed over three hundred pounds. He was the father of eight children: 1. Jacob, who was also very tall and corpulent and possessed of a very powerful voice, was the first bishop of the Mennonite church in that district. 2. Christian, see forward. 3. John, who died young, left an only child, Elizabeth, who married Abraham Hoshberger. 4. Henry, died at Hollsopple in 1877, at the age of ninety-four years. He left two children: Mrs. James Ashe and Mrs. James Weaver. 5. Mary, married Henry Hoshlegen, one of whose daughters died at the age of eighty, and is buried in Johnstown, with her son. 6. Veronica, married James Borkey and moved to Canada in 1804, where she raised a large family. 7. Elizabeth, married John Saylor. 8. David, married twice, and of his first children are living: Henry, and Mrs. John Thoms, of Thoms Mills; of the children of his second marriage there are living: Samuel and D. D. Blauch, the latter engaged in the real estate business in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

(III) Christian Blough, second son of Jacob Blough (2), was better known as "Big Christ," he being an unusually large and powerful man. He was born in or near Quemahoning, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and later resided near Stanton's Mills. He was a farmer, and a member and deacon of the Menonnite church. He married Sallie Cable and had children: 1. Jacob, married Kate Horner, and some of his grandchildren are residents of Indiana, and others, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, among the latter being Henry D. and Nelson Blough. 2. Benjamin, married Mattie Baker, and they were the parents of twelve children, of whom are now (1906) living: Abraham, of Illinois, who has nine children, forty grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. 3. John, see forward. 4. Joseph, married Sarah Barnhart, had three children: Henry, who married Susanna Kimmell, and is the father of Dr. Milton Blough, or Blouck, as he spells his name, who is one of the prominent physicians of Chicago, Illinois; Mary, married George Gardner; and Eliza, married Gable Bigley. 5. Rachel, married John Dibert, and was the mother and grandmother of the Diberts of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. 6. Sallie, married George Specht. 7. Nancy, married Daniel Specht. 8. Polly, married Daniel Knupp. 9. Fannie, married Solomon Horner. 10. Susanna, married John Zimmerman, and had one child, Jacob, who married Sarah J. Stufft, and had children: Cyrus, Daniel Burnside (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work), Maggie, Annie and Albert.



Daniel C.

(IV) John Blough, third son and child of Christian (3) and Sallie (Cable) Blough, was born in 1795. He married Fannie Schrock and had eight children as follows: 1. Elizabeth, married Jacob Fike, of near Waterloo, Iowa. 2. Christian, see forward. 3. John, now deceased. 4. Aaron, of Krings Station, Cambria county, Pennsylvania. 5. Sarah, married Joseph Cable. 6. Emanuel. 7. Rachel, married David Schrock. 8. Susanna, married Edward Keller. Several of the grandchildren are prominent residents of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

(V) Christian Blough, eldest surviving son of John (4) and Fannie (Schrock) Blough, was born in Quemahoning township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1822. His opportunities for educational advancements were but limited, his attendance at the common schools ceasing at the early age of ten years. At that period he commenced to assist in the labors of the farm, and he has devoted his long life to agricultural pursuits. He has been a stanch Republican in politics. He married Magdelene Buckley, born December 14, 1822, near Stoystown, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Miller) Buckley, and they are the parents of: Ephraim, born January 28, 1848; and Elizabeth, born November 16, 1855, housekeeper for Samuel Y. Blough, near Davidsville.

DANIEL BURNSIDE ZIMMERMAN.

Daniel Burnside Zimmerman, one of the most enterprising and successful men of affairs in western Pennsylvania, has, perhaps, contributed in a larger degree than any other to the industrial and commercial development of Somerset county through his labors as one of the pioneers and principal factors in the opening up of its vast coal fields. He is also widely known throughout the west for his immense operations in live stock. In all his achievements he has been the architect of his own fortune. He is a descendant, on both the paternal and maternal sides, of ancient German stock which was planted in America in the colonial days.

(I) ——— Zimmerman, the pioneer ancestor of the Zimmerman family in this country, emigrated to America from Germany and located in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a large tract of land, which he cultivated as a farm. He was the father of three sons—Jacob, of whom see forward; Michael and Adam—all of whom removed to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, at the same time, when they were young men, and purchased farms in Quemahoning township and were among the earliest settlers of the county.

(II) Jacob Zimmerman, son of the preceding, married Elizabeth Gibler and had children: Catherine, married Jacob Swank; Elizabeth, married George Smith; Magdalena, married

Jacob Barnet; Susanna, married Joseph Smith; George, married a widow of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; Jacob, married Margaret Smith; Michael, migrated to Ohio, where he died unmarried; Henry, married Nancy Shaffer; John, see forward.

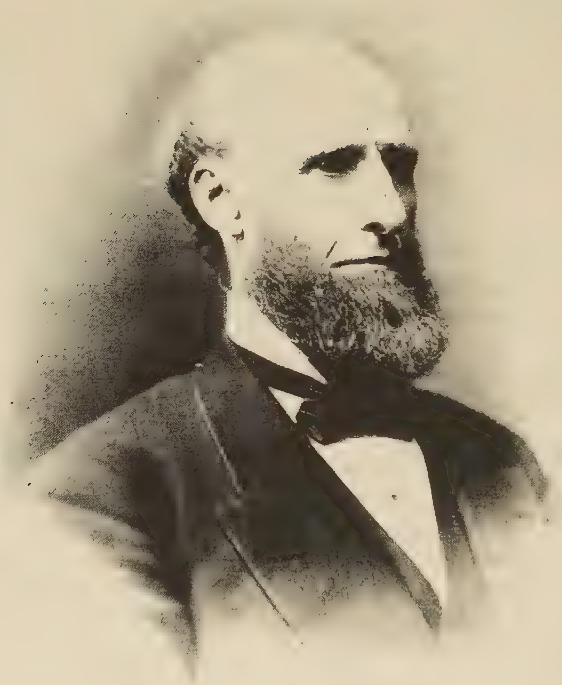
(III) John Zimmerman, son of Jacob (2) and Elizabeth (Gibler) Zimmerman, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was extensively engaged in farming. He was a man of retiring disposition; never sought official distinction, but was influential in the community. He was a stanch adherent of the German Reformed church. He married Susanna Blough, who was a member of an old Somerset county family, also of German extraction. She was the daughter of Christian Blough and the granddaughter of Jacob Blough, the latter presumably born in Germany and among the first settlers of Somerset county. Christian Blough was better known as "Big Christ," he being an unusually large and powerful man. He was born in or near Quemahoning, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and later resided near Stanton's Mills. He was a farmer and a member and deacon of the Mennonite church. He married Sallie Cable and had children: 1. Jacob, married Kate Horner, and some of his grandchildren are residents of Indiana and others of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, among the latter being Henry D. and Nelson Blough. 2. Benjamin, married Mattie Baker, and they were the parents of twelve children, of whom are now (1906) living: Abraham, of Illinois, who has nine children, forty grandchildren and one great-grandchild. 3. John, married Fannie Schrock, had ten children, of whom the following are now living: Christian, now nearly eighty years of age, of Friedens, Somerset county, Pennsylvania; Aaron, of Kring's Station, Cambria county, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Fike, of near Waterloo, Iowa; Sarah, married Joseph Cable; Rachel, married David Schrock; Susanna, married Edward Keller. Several of the grandchildren are now prominent citizens of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. 4. Joseph, married Sarah Barnhart, had three children: Henry, who married Susanna Kimmell and is the father of Dr. Milton Blough, or Blouck, as he spells the name, who is one of the prominent physicians of Chicago, Illinois; Mary, married George Gardner; and Eliza, married Gable Bigley. 5. Rachel, married John Dibert and was the mother and grandmother of the Diberts of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. 6. Sallie, married George Specht. 7. Nancy, married Daniel Specht. 8. Polly, married Daniel Knupp. 9. Fannie, married Solomon Horner. 10. Susanna, married John Zimmerman and became the grandmother of Daniel Burnside Zimmerman, the subject of this sketch. John and Susanna (Blough) Zimmerman had one son, Jacob, see forward.

(IV) Jacob J. Zimmerman, only child of John (3) and Susanna (Blough) Zimmerman, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the common schools of his native township. He was a prosperous farmer and a highly respected man, always interested in promoting any good cause and worthy enterprise. He was an official member of the German Reformed church, and was a Republican in politics, and a soldier in the late war, but was never a seeker after office. He married Sarah J. Stufft, a descendant of a family as old and worthy as his own. Her father, Daniel Stufft, was one of the most extensive farmers of Somerset county in his day, a man in affluent circumstances, well educated and of much ability. For several years he rendered efficient service in the capacity of county superintendent of schools, and for five years sat on the bench as an associate county judge. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, and in politics was an unswerving Republican. He married Catherine Byers, born in Somerset county, a daughter of Jacob Byers, who was a native of Lancaster county, whence he came to Somerset county soon after his marriage. They were the parents of four children: Sarah J., who became the wife of Jacob J. Zimmerman and the mother of Daniel B. Zimmerman; Mary, married Alexander Rhodes; Margaret, married Josiah Good; and Jerome, married Annie Baush. George Stufft, grandfather of Mrs. Jacob J. Zimmerman, was born in Somerset county and was a farmer. He married Sarah Berkey and their children were: Daniel; Mary, married Josiah Ankeny; Samuel, married Catherine Maurer; John, married Annie E. Beisecker; William, married Catherine Barndt; Eliza, married Josiah Miller. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Jacob J. Zimmerman, George Stufft, was born in Bedford county, was a farmer and one of the first settlers in Somerset county. He was a member of the Lutheran church.

Jacob and Sarah J. (Stufft) Zimmerman were the parents of five children: Cyrus, died in infancy; Daniel B., see forward; Maggie, wife of Russell Stewart, a business man of Somerset; Annie, wife of Samuel G. Shaffer; and Albert, a merchant of Ralphton, Pennsylvania.

(V) Daniel Burnside Zimmerman, second son and child of Jacob and Sarah J. (Stufft) Zimmerman, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1862. He received a practical education in the common schools of his native county and prepared himself for a business career by taking a course of instruction in the Easton Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. His earlier years were passed in labor on the parental farm, and at the early age of seventeen years he taught a winter term of school in what was then known as the red schoolhouse, and acquitted himself so well, despite his youth, that in the following winter he was engaged to teach in the California school, in the same township, making such a record as to inspire the conviction that he would have become an accomplished educator had he chosen that field for his lifework. But he had a predilection for more active and broader pursuits. In connection with farming operation, he engaged in a live stock business, breeding and dealing in horses, cattle and sheep, and in 1892 visited the prairies and bad lands of North Dakota and Montana, which was at that time settled by the red skins, where he engaged in ranching and ranging cattle on a large scale, gradually extending his operations until he came to be recognized as one of the most extensive and successful rangers in the west. His locations in ranges were Billings county, Dunn county and Hettinger county, North Dakota, his shipping point Dickinson, North Dakota. For more than ten years past he has numbered his cattle and sheep by the thousands, extending his operations from his original field, North Dakota and Montana, to Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska and Texas.

While thus busily employed in these immense distant fields, he was also most actively engaged in the development of enterprises of much importance in his native Somerset—operations which, while enhancing his own fortune, were a vast public benefit in opening up industrial and commercial avenues. He was one of the first to discern the possibilities of the county in the uncovering of its vast coal deposits, and in 1899 was the first Somerset county man to open a mine within its borders, and pushed the work with such vigor that he now has hundreds of men busily employed in his various mines. He also owns and directs the operations of the lumber and grist mill business, and the cultivation of several fine and productive farms, being known as one of the extensive farmers in the county. A man of broad public spirit, he lends his effort cheerfully and contributes liberally of his means to the advancement of every enterprise promising of benefit to the community at large. All his large achievements have not only been the result of his own individual effort, but the means employed have been the fruits of his own industry and sagacity, entitling him to the fullest to the consensus of opinion which pronounces him a truly self-made man. He bears the burdens of his many and large concerns with the equanimity which marks the man of rare self-poise, and is held in high regard for his affability and attractive personal qualities. He is affiliated with Somerset Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and active in promoting its interests and usefulness.



Andrew J. Colburn

Mr. Zimmerman married Lizzie M. Snyder, daughter of Samuel Snyder, of Somerset county, born in Brothers Valley township. Mr. Snyder was a farmer and blacksmith and a man of great public spirit, who took an active interest in community affairs and was called to various important official positions. He served for five years as associate judge, for one term as director of the poor and more than ten years as justice of the peace. He was a devout member of the Lutheran church and for more than twenty years was an honored elder and deacon. In politics he was a Republican. He died March 11, 1895. He married, February 19, 1857, Sarah Shaffer, daughter of Valentine and Christina (Gardner) Shaffer, and they were the parents of four children: Lizzie M., wife of Daniel B. Zimmerman; Emma Mary, at home; Charles W., a farmer, married Annie Brubaker; Minnie Belle, at home. To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Zimmerman have been born two children, Ralph Snyder and Sallie Alma.

ANDREW JACKSON COLBORN.

Andrew Jackson Colborn, an attorney-at-law, and prominent citizen of Somerset, was born in Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1822. He was a son of Abraham and Eleanor Woodmansey Colborn, a grandson of Robert and Effie Wortman Colborn, and a great-grandson of Michael and Sarah Mitchell Colborn, the former named having been a life-long resident of New Jersey, born in Woodbridge, and there married Sarah Mitchell, daughter of Robert Mitchell, of England, by whom he had six children.

Robert Colborn, grandfather of Andrew J. Colborn, who was named for his maternal grandfather, Robert Mitchell, of England, was born January 16, 1753, in Hunterdon county, New Jersey. At the age of eighteen years he was bound in apprentice to Reuben Skinner, a forgeman. After serving his time out and arriving at man's estate, he married Effie Wortman, daughter of John Wortman, of Morris county, New Jersey. In the year 1770 he and his family, consisting of his wife and three children, together with seventeen families of the same neighborhood in New Jersey, removed to Turkeyfoot township, Bedford, now Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of farming and where he lived until he died, May 16, 1836. That part of Turkeyfoot township where these early settlers lived was named and is known from that time to the present as the Jersey settlement. They were the pioneer settlers of this part of the Keystone State. In 1775 he was one of the founders of the first church in Somerset county, the house of worship being built that year and has been known as the Baptist church in the Jersey settlement.

A few years after the settlement, the revolutionary war broke out, when he, with several others, returned to New Jersey, and enlisted as a private throughout the revolutionary war. The adjutant-general's office of Trenton, New Jersey, shows that Robert Colborn enlisted as a private in Captain Joseph Luse's company, Western Battalion, Morris County, New Jersey Militia, under Lieutenant-Colonel John Starke, in June, 1776, and served every alternate month for four years. He afterwards enlisted as a private under Captain Nathaniel Horton's company, Western Battalion, Morris County (New Jersey) Militia. He was also a private in New Jersey State Troops. He was wounded in the foot at Amboy during the Revolutionary war.

His farm, located near Draketown, is known as the Colborn farm to the present day. His wife, Effie Wortman Colborn, daughter of John Wortman, was born in Morris County, New Jersey, in 1753, and died in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1826. They reared a family of seven children, among whom was a son, Abraham Colborn. Robert Colborn died May 16, 1836, at the venerable age of eighty-six years.

Abraham Colborn, father of Andrew J. Colborn, the eighth in order of birth of the children of Robert and Effie Wortman Colborn, was born in Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, December 23, 1789, but became a farmer from choice and followed that line of work during his entire lifetime. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, keen judgment and was looked upon as one of the progressive men of the community. He was prominently identified with the Baptist church at the Jersey settlement and held the offices of deacon and elder for many years. He was united in marriage to Eleanor Woodmansey, born in Turkeyfoot township in 1790, a daughter of David Woodmansey, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Of this union there were nine children born to them, three of whom are living at the present time. Abraham Colborn died on his farm in Turkeyfoot township, October 11, 1843, and his wife, Eleanor, passed away July 11, 1858.

Andrew Jackson Colborn was reared and educated in Somerset county, and at the death of his father, in 1843, he left the parental homestead and conducted the farm successfully until 1849. On account of sickness he gave up farming and sold his possessions and removed to Harnedsville, where he resided until 1854. He studied and taught in the public schools. He married Susan Hartzell, April 14, 1845. He studied surveying with Henry L. Holbert and there are very few, if any, of the townships of Somerset county in which he has not run the boundaries of many tracts of land. He was one of the engineers who helped lay out the Pittsburg and Connellsville railroad in 1851. He was county surveyor from 1869 to 1875. In the examinations of the titles by attorneys of the younger age, he was a copious source of information on questions of older conveyances and lines. During his residence at Harnedsville he devoted a considerable portion of his time to the reading of law, of which profession he had a taste and inclination. He removed with his family to Somerset, March 23, 1854, and studied law with Colonel John R. Edie, and was admitted to the bar February 7, 1855. He immediately formed a law partnership with Hon. A. H. Coffroth, which continued for five years. Afterwards he was associated with attorneys William J. and Herman L. Baer, under the firm name of Baer & Colborn. This partnership continued until 1863, after which he formed a partnership for the practice of law with Judge F. M. Kimmell, from 1863 to 1874, under the firm name of Kimmell & Colborn. Judge Kimmell had shortly before retired from the bench and taken up his residence at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, however, he returned to his old home at each term of court, and this firm became one of the leading law firms at the bar. Upon the admission of his son, Louis C. Colborn, they practiced law under the name of Colborn & Colborn to the time of the senior member's death; in fact, the junior and surviving partner of this firm still conducts his business under the name of Colborn & Colborn. As a lawyer he met with eminent success in his professional labors, becoming one of the leading lawyers of Somerset, and his career was distinguished by sterling character, a display of comprehensive knowledge of the law and a steady devotion to the best interests of his clients.

Andrew J. Colborn was elected a major of militia in the early fifties and was known by that title throughout his life. In his connection with the state militia he organized several companies for service in the civil war. He was one of the board of school directors in his native township, at its first organization under the public school law. He was a notary public and United States commissioner, school director and burgess at Somerset for many years. He was elected as a member of the legislature in 1878 and served therein continuously until 1886. There he took rank as one of the leaders of the house, was chairman of the committee on ways and means, and of the judiciary general committee. While in the legislature he was known as the "Watch Dog of the Treasury," and it was while he was in the legislature, on account of his watchfulness over legislation, that he received the appellation of "The Bald Eagle of the Alleghenies," which name he carried through life. In 1896 he was elected district attorney and served his entire term; the vigor, thoroughness and dispatch with which he discharged the duties of that office at his age showed the remarkable vitality that characterized his career throughout. Among other important cases conducted by him during that term were the prosecutions resulting in the conviction and execution of the two Roddy brothers for the murder of David Berkey, and the conviction of Samuel Peter Meyers for the murder of Michael Kearney and John Lenhart. Mr. Colborn was a very fiery speaker. He had strong powers in scathing and stinging denunciation of what he considered wrong. The weak point or exhibition of improper action in his adversary's case was sure to meet with a non-sparing and withering attack.

Major Colborn, being a descendant of a hero of the Revolutionary war, has been actively interested in military tactics from early manhood, and during the Civil war he organized many companies and for a long time was major of the Somerset Volunteers. He was a Republican in politics. He instituted and was a member of Somerset Lodge, No. 358, Free and Accepted Masons. He passed all the chairs and served as first master of the lodge. He was also a member of Oriental Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Somerset.

His wife, Susan Hartzell, was a daughter of George Hartzell, of Stoystown, Pennsylvania, and to that union were born eight children, as follows: Harriet Jane, widow of Dr. Jeremiah K. Miller, who died January 1, 1890. Charles B., who served in the war of the rebellion in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain George F. Baer, and is now superintendent of the Wheeling Coal & Coke Company of West Virginia. He was married to Margaret Parson, November 29, 1871. Louis C., an attorney, married Mary E. Knable, May 4, 1875. Frank K., bookkeeper for the Essex Tannery Company in West Virginia. Eleanor, wife of Frank C. Bell, a merchant at Frostburg, Maryland. Harry B., a wholesale merchant of Cumberland, Maryland, married Dianna Thomas, of Echart. Andrew J., a lawyer, now deceased. Robert G., formerly deputy sheriff of Scranton, but who, after his return from the Philippine Islands, where he served as a sergeant-general in the commissary department in the Spanish war, Company M, Fifteenth United States Infantry, located at Windber and is at present holding the office of justice of the peace.

Mrs. Susan Colborn, the mother of these children, died September 18, 1895, her six sons acting as pall bearers at the time of her funeral. She was a member of the Christian church, in which church Major Colborn and his wife were devoted and constant members, and lived to see all his family adopt the same faith. Major Colborn the subject of this sketch, died August 6, 1901, in his eightieth year. Major Colborn was uniformly genial and urbane in his manner to all; he sought the company of young people and kept himself young by association. In his nature he was purely democratic, and withal a mind of more than ordinarily brilliant endowment. His death, occurring as it did, was seriously mourned by the public in general and especially by those friends who knew him well and loved him for many charming characteristics.

LOUIS C. COLBORN.

Louis C. Colborn, a son of Hon. A. J. Colborn, was born at Harnedsville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1850, and came to Somerset with his father's family in 1854. He attended the public schools and high school at Somerset and afterward took a course in the Millersville and West Chester State Normal Schools. He taught in the public schools of Somerset county, and during the years of 1870-73 was principal of the schools of Somerset borough. Mr. Colborn was appointed United States commissioner in 1872 and served for ten years. He read law in the office of his father and was admitted to the bar on May 7, 1874. He was elected and served as burgess of Somerset borough for the years 1884 and 1885, and served as school director in 1887 and 1890, and was appointed school director in 1903 and elected in 1904. Through the energies of Mr. Colborn there is erected one of the handsomest school buildings in western Pennsylvania, and through his efforts the schools of the borough are equal to any in the state. The high school established is equal to any. He was elected district attorney in 1888 for three years. After his admission to the bar he and his father entered into a law partnership, which continued until the death of his father, August 6, 1901. They enjoyed a lucrative practice and have the full confidence of a large clientage. Notwithstanding his father's death, he still continues their practice under the name of Colborn & Colborn. During Mr. Colborn's term as district attorney the Nicely brothers were executed and the famous Moonshine murderers were tried and convicted. He also took a part in the Roddy and in the Meyers murder cases. Mr. Colborn followed in the footsteps of his father as a surveyor and engineer in connection with his practice, and the special training in that business has proven helpful in the trial of many cases. For more than fifteen years Mr. Colborn had been solicitor for board of directors of the poor of the county, and connected with the associated charities of the state and national associations; at present he is the secretary and treasurer of the Associated Charities of Pennsylvania, which office he has held for the past ten years. He is perfectly conversant with the charities of the state and has visited nearly every institution in the state, and he is particularly zealous and sympathetic in all charitable work. To him is due the credit, to a large extent, of the present fine home for the poor and hospital for the insane of Somerset county. Mr. Colborn is a consistent member of the Christian church and has always taken an active part in church work. He is also a leading Mason, Odd Fellow and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Colborn married, May 4, 1875, Mary E. Knable, daughter of Major John and Mary Knable, both of whom are deceased. To this union there were four children born: John A., now employed in the United States government in the war department, who married Eva Bauman, September 28, 1899, to whom were born three children: Martha, Eleanor and John; Louise, born January 18, 1880, married Guy Milton Mason, of Norfolk, Virginia, October 2, 1901; Martha, died December 5, 1884; Eleanor, born January 23, 1887.

ANDREW JACKSON COLBORN, Jr.

Andrew Jackson Colborn, Jr., was the son of the elder member of the bar of the same name. He was born August 30, 1862, at the town of Somerset, attended the public schools there and afterward graduated from Bethany College, West Virginia. He read law with his father and was admitted to the bar here in 1885. In the year 1886 he removed to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he continued his practice to the present time. He married, January 22, 1902, Miss May Andrews, of Springfield, Ohio. He was United States commissioner and clerk of the United States district court since about the year 1891. He had been state president and national president of the Patriotic Sons of America, and is a member of the Masonic order of Knights Templar. "Young Jack," as he was familiarly known among his people at home, was gifted with the power of speech to an extraordinary extent. As a political orator and ready talker he was remarkably talented. He was known as the silver-tongued orator of the northeast. Through his overwork as national president of the Patriotic Sons of America he was broken in health and was stricken with nervous prostration. He went abroad and traveled through Europe for one-half a year with the expectation of regaining his lost health. He returned again somewhat improved, but later was afflicted, from which he died March 23, 1903, leaving to survive him a daughter, Ruth. He was buried at Springfield, Ohio, July 4, 1906. The Patriotic Sons of America of Pennsylvania erected and unveiled a handsome granite monument to his memory.

SAMUEL THOMAS.

Samuel Thomas, a practical farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, was there born in Elk Lick township, December 21, 1849, a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Lanesbury) Thomas.

Jacob Thomas was also a native of Somerset county and was a day laborer. He and his wife had children as follows: Abraham, Samuel, see forward; Jacob, Amos, deceased; Elizabeth, Barbara, May.

Samuel Thomas obtained a common school education, and after completing his studies turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he has since very successfully followed. In 1891 he purchased the farm upon which he now lives. In politics Mr. Thomas affiliates with the Republican party. He married, September 28, 1871, Clarissa Kretchman, born March 21, 1853, in Rockwood township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Christina (Kine) Kretchman, and granddaughter of Jacob Kine, who was born in Somerset, and was a farmer by occupation. The Kines originally came from Germany. William Kretchman, father of Mrs. Thomas, was born May 19, 1827, in Elk Lick township, and followed the quiet but useful occupation of a farmer during his entire active working life. His wife, Christina Kine, was also a native of Elk Lick township, born December 25, 1828. Their children: Clarissa, Ellen, Albert, Harvey, Minnie, deceased; and Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are the parents of the followed named children: Elmira D., born February 19, 1872; Alice R., October 6, 1875, married Charles ———, a farmer, and lives in Lee county; Lulu M., July 13, 1881; William H., February 20, 1883; Lloyd H., May 28, 1885; Millie M., June 30, 1888; Lucy E., November 22, 1889; Cristine F., April 30, 1893; and Albert S., May 5, 1895.

RUSH S. McMILLEN.

The family of which Rush S. McMillen, a prosperous agriculturist of Rockwood, is a worthy representative was founded in this country by James McMillen, great-great-grandfather of Rush S. McMillen, who came from Scotland or northern Ireland, settling in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, from whence he removed to Somerset county, same state, about the year 1790, locating on a farm near Fort Hill, which he cultivated and improved, realizing therefrom a comfortable livelihood for his family. James McMillen was born August 20, 1735, died March, 1821, aged eighty-six years and five months. His wife, Eleanor McMillen, born February 20, 1736, died November, 1810, aged seventy-five years.

John McMillen, son of James and Eleanor McMillen, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1764, died February 1, 1856, aged ninety-one years, six months, twelve days. It is stated in obituary of John McMillen that at an early age he connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a consistent and useful member. He was justice of the peace for many years, discharging his duties with the utmost efficiency. He married, March 25, 1793, Nancy Kilpatrick, born November 3, 1777, died March 25, 1854, aged seventy-six years, four months, twelve days, daughter of John and Jane Kilpatrick, the former of whom came from Scotland or northern part of Ireland and settled at Padytown, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he died December 1, 1834, aged ninety-nine years; he claimed to be one hundred years old. His wife, Jane, died September 7, 1821, aged seventy-four years. The children of John and Nancy (Kilpatrick) McMillen were: John K., born May 26, 1795; James, December 19, 1798; Jane, December 30, 1800; Eleanor, July 23, 1802; William, December 24, 1804; Samuel E., November 12, 1807; Sarah, October 4, 1810; Margaret, November 25, 1813; Mary, April 15, 1820.

John K. McMillen, eldest son of John and Nancy (Kilpatrick) McMillen, born at Padytown, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1795, resided there throughout his lifetime and died September 28, 1870. He was a manufacturer of leather, and in addition to this devoted considerable time to the cultivation of the soil. In 1859 he was appointed postmaster, serving in that capacity up to the time of his decease. Mr. McMillen married (first), August 5, 1819, Mary Rush, born June 4, 1802, died June 28, 1838, daughter of Jacob Rush, whom tradition says sprang from the same branch of the Rush family to which old Dr. Benjamin Rush, of Philadelphia, belonged, he being one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. McMillen married (second), July 9, 1839, Sarah Critchfield, who died November 18, 1849. Mr. McMillen married (third), February 5, 1850, Clarissa Williams. His children were: Jacob R., born July 1, 1820; Jehu, May 7, 1822; Reuben, March 7, 1824; Nancy, March 26, 1826; Eli, November 28, 1827; John, May 22, 1835; William H., May 20, 1840: Silas, July 23, 1842.

Jacob R. McMillen, eldest son of John K. and Mary (Rush) McMillen, was born July 1, 1820, at Padytown, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the district schools, and throughout his active career devoted his attention to the manufacture of leather and agricultural pursuits. He was honored by his townsmen by election to the offices of justice of the peace, in which he served several terms; associate judge of Somerset county: member of the house of representatives, in which he served two terms. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He married, March 9, 1843, Susan Stanton, born in Holmes county, Ohio, January 31, 1825, died February 19, 1906, daughter of Urias Stanton, who was killed by a horse, April 8, 1825, aged thirty years. Children of Jacob R. and Susan (Stanton) McMillen: Rush S., born November 23, 1844; John T., July 24, 1849, married Melezine Pile, January

21, 1879, daughter of Jeremiah and Susan (Stough) Pile, of Mill Creek township, and three children were born to them—William Judson, Nettie Florence, and Stephen Bayes, who died at the age of three years. Susan (Stanton) McMillen, mother of these children, faithfully performed the duties of daughter, wife and mother, and her demise was sincerely mourned by all who had the honor of her acquaintance.

Rush S. McMillen, eldest son of Jacob R. and Susan (Stanton) McMillen, was born in Upper Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1844. He attended the district schools, State Normal, Rainsburg Seminary (Bedford county, Pennsylvania), Morgantown Academy (West Virginia). He followed in the footsteps of his ancestors and for many years was a manufacturer of leather, but at present (1906) is engaged in farming and in collecting samples of fertilizer for the agricultural association of the state. He is connected with several enterprises, but with poor success financially. In November, 1887, he was elected sheriff of Somerset county, which office he filled for three years, one term; was township clerk, officer in house of representatives and principal of schools at Terra Alta, West Virginia, three terms. He is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Lutheran church, order of Free and Accepted Masons and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He married, February 19, 1867, at Terra Alta, Preston county, West Virginia, Rachel Melissa Graham, daughter of John and Sarah (Elliott) Graham, and their children are: Mary Martha, born at New Lexington, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1868, attended district schools and Mount Union College, Ohio, married H. H. Baker, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, chief clerk in the insurance department, and they have one daughter, Melissa Ruth Baker. Susan Lillian, born October 8, 1870, died March 10, 1876; Jacob Clinton, born at New Lexington, April 20, 1878, attended district schools, now a farmer in Kingwood, Pennsylvania, married, June 27, 1897, Ida Weller, daughter of Uriah and Ada (Sullivan) Weller, and they have one son, Dwight Graham McMillen. Mrs. McMillen, the mother of these children, is a member of the Lutheran church.

HARMON HUSBAND.

Harmon Husband, the pioneer of the Somerset settlement, was of Quaker parentage, and was born about 1720. Some accounts make the place of his birth in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. He may, however, have been born in Cecil county, Maryland. He is known to have attended school in Baltimore when about twenty years of age, after which he settled in Cecil county, and probably married there. His wife dying within a few years, he went to North Carolina, where he married a second time. His wife's maiden name was Emy Allen.

Being a man of means, he soon became a leading citizen of what was then Orange county. In the troubles that presently arose between the Royal Governor, Tryon, and the people, he sided with the latter, and soon became one of their recognized leaders. Becoming obnoxious to those in authority, he was arrested and thrown into prison, but was released on bail, but not until after his imprisonment had raised the country to arms. On trial he was acquitted of the charge of riot, after which he was elected to the assembly of Orange county, and was expelled from that body at the instance of Governor Tryon. These troubles finally reached a crisis in 1771, in what is known in history as the battle of Alamance, in which the people, or Regulators, as they were styled, were defeated. Husband's Quaker training had made him averse to bloodshed, and so far as he was concerned it is said that he never contemplated such a collision as took place. But he was too prominently connected with the movement to be overlooked, and orders were given for his arrest, which was avoided by a prompt flight through Virginia to his former home in Maryland. Not feeling himself safe even there from the wrath of Governor Tryon, he determined to put a still greater distance between himself and his enemy.

It may be asked, what have the doings of Harmon Husband in North Carolina to do with the history of Somerset county? Nothing at all, further than to show the reasons and motives that impelled such a man as he was, living in what, for those times, was a well settled community, and who was well off in this world's goods, to abandon all and seek a home amid the perils of such a wilderness as Somerset county then was, becoming one of its earliest settlers, and, in time, the same man of affairs in that community as he had been in the one from which he had fled. That he was closely identified with the early growth and prosperity of what is now Somerset county, and was one of its foremost citizens, is evidenced by the fact that he was a member of the Assembly from Bedford county in 1778. In 1786 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners. He was also a member of the assembly in 1790. He became involved in the whiskey insurrection of 1794. He attended the Parkinson Ferry meeting as a delegate from Bedford county, where he really labored to bring the trouble to a peaceable solution, and, in order to guide and hold the more turbulent element in check, it was necessary for him, as well as some others, to apparently range himself on their side. Harmon Husband was placed under arrest as an active leader of the insurrection, and taken to Philadelphia for trial. He was then an old man, seventy-four years old. While awaiting trial he contracted a fever and died. According to the best information we have, he was not confined in prison, but had his liberty within the city. There can be no doubt but what he could have cleared himself of the charges that had been made against him.

GENERAL ALEXANDER OGLE, SR.

General Alexander Ogle, Sr., was born in or near Baltimore, in 1767, and settled in Somerset county about 1790, his first place of residence being at Stoyestown, where he kept a store and tavern. A few years later he removed to Somerset, and for a time at least kept a tavern.

A man of commanding presence and of great force of character, he became the foremost and most influential citizen of the county. This was recognized both at home and abroad. Entering public life, he represented the county eight times in the Assembly, and the district one or more terms in the State Senate. He was also once a member of Congress. Twice under appointment of the Governor he held the offices of prothonotary, clerk of the courts, register and recorder. In the military organization of the state he held every rank from captain to major-general. He was the acknowledged great man of the world in which he lived. The region of country which gave him his theatre, and the people who formed the cast of the company for the drama of his life were in such keeping with him as if they had been made for him and he for them. He owed to the schools nothing but reading and writing in his mother tongue and a knowledge of the simple rules of arithmetic, but was none the less equal to any emergency in affairs, and was never nonplussed by any defect of education. In one of his speeches in the legislature he designated his constituency as being "The Frosty Sons of Thunder"—an appellation that was proudly adopted by them, and by it the people of Somerset county are known, not only in their own state, but in every other state between it and the "Golden Gate." From among these "Frosty Sons of Thunder" have gone forth men whose fame is not circumscribed by the lines of their native state. General Ogle died in 1832. (For a more extended sketch of General Ogle the reader is referred to "The Enchanted Beauty," a volume of sketches by Dr. William Elder.)

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